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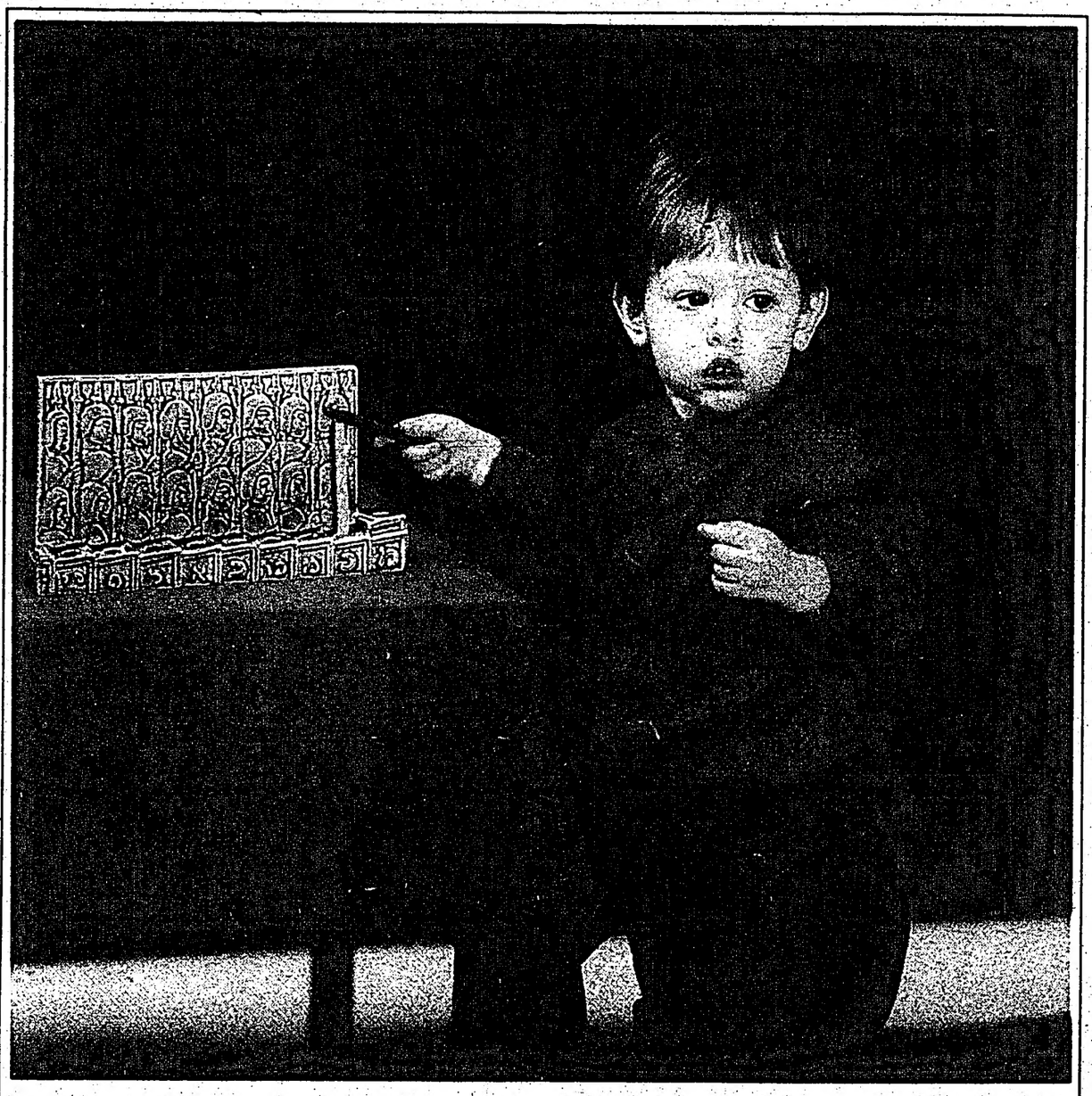

Twenty-month-old Jacob Binder lights a green glazed ceramic chanukiah made in Zichron Yaakov around 1925. The acronym in Hebrew forms the words "Who is like unto thee O Lord" while the background shows stylized Maccabean soldiers.

Chanukah festival

Lights recall the miracle

By
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The oldest Jewish symbol is the menorah or 7-branched candelabrum, as described in great detail in the Bible for service in the Temple in Jerusalem. It was carried off in the year 70 CE by the Emperor Titus' Roman legions after the destruction of the Second Temple and is depicted in Rome on the Arch of Titus. This is the only physical representation of what the Temple menorah may have looked like.

For the Chanukah festival, a menorah with nine arms, a chanukiah, is used -- eight lights for the celebration and the ninth light as the shamash or servitor. Since the Chanukah lights are holy, its use for reading or working is prohibited. Thus the ninth or shamash candle was set up not as popularly thought as an instrument for lighting the other candles, but because the use of its light would permit enjoying and using the illumination from all the others.

The servitor is never on the same level as the other candles. This style of menorah is thought to have been created and modeled after the natural form of a tree and hence the expression "The tree of life or light."

Chanukah recalls the victory of the Maccabees over the Seleucid army of Antiochus IV in 165 BCE. It celebrates the 8-day rededication ceremonies in the Temple of Jerusalem which began on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev and commemorates the miracle in which the one remaining pure and sealed flask of oil (a 1-day supply) burned for the entire eight days.

With this story in mind, the school of Shammai ruled in the Talmud that eight lights should be kindled on the first day and progressively reduced until only one light is lit on the last day of Chanukah. The school of Shammai lost to the school of Hillel which objected to any suggestion that the holiness of the holiday celebration be reduced in any way.

The latter prescribed the method of kindling one light on the first night and daily progressive increases. This of course is the practice that everyone follows today.

The rabbis of the Talmud emphasized that the Chanukah lights proclaim the miracle that occurred at the time of the Maccabees. Therefore they encouraged the lighting of the chanukiah publicly and placing it outside the entrance to the house.

Because of fear of non-Jewish neighbors, the gradual placement of the lamp near the outside entrance of the house and in dangerous times, in the interior of the house on a table, became the general practice. If one was poor it was a priority to purchase oil for the Chanukah lights rather than wine for the Sabbath kiddush.

To further proclaim the miracle, the lights must be kindled before any member of the household — child or adult — goes to sleep and the candle must burn for at least a half-hour to perform the mitzvah appropriately.

The style of the Chanukah lamp and its composition varied through the centuries and was determined by the environment in which the Jews lived. There are stone and earthenware oil lamps from the Talmudic times but the most common type seen is a bench type with a back panel and may be made out of almost any material — wood, clay, silver, brass, tin, lead, glass, pewter, walnut shells or even gold.

In addition to the lighting of the chanukiah, most Canadian Jews celebrate the holiday with special foods (latkes), games (with a dreidl) and songs. Chanukah is a happy holiday and a celebration for the whole family.

Spy scandal diffused as Israel apologizes

By
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Jonathan Pollard

An unprecedented spy scandal has shaken, but not upset, Israel's vital relationship with the U.S.

Last week, after Jonathan Jay Pollard admitted he had provided Israel with classified military intelligence, the Israeli government issued an apology to the U.S. American Secretary of State George Shultz said he was satisfied with Israel's statement.

Shultz said Israel would cooperate in an investigation of the case. And he seemed to signal that the crisis was over by asserting: "In many respects, the best of a good relationship is not so much what happens when things are going smoothly, but rather what happens when a difficult problem arises."

The problem arose after Pollard, a 31-year-old U.S. Navy counter-intelligence analyst, acknowledged he had been paid about $2,500 a month by an Israeli contact in exchange for the top secret material.

Arrested outside the Israeli embassy two weeks ago, Pollard, a Jew, had reportedly been spying for Israel since the spring of 1984.

The Pollard affair shocked, astonished and appalled observers, given Israel's intimate relations with the U.S.

The scandal was as mystifying to the Americans as to the Israelis. Upon learning of the case, President Ronald Reagan said with surprise, "Why are they doing this?"

Israel denied involvement in Pollard's activities. Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir sent messages to Secretary of State George Shultz stating that the Israeli leadership was at a loss over what happened. A statement issued by Israel's foreign ministry said that "actions of this kind stand in total contradiction to the policy of the Israeli government."

Meir Rosenne, the Israeli ambassador to Washington, informed the Reagan administration of Israel's desire to cooperate with the U.S. in getting to the bottom of the case.

Indeed, the Israeli cabinet offered to return to the U.S. hundreds of documents obtained by Pollard.

The New York Times reported that Israel's foreign ministry relayed the results of an interim investigation to the U.S.

The findings assert that the Israeli cabinet did not know about Pollard and that a senior Israeli official ran his own espionage operation in Washington from Israel.

Israel has promised to disband that unit.

Newspapers in Israel have identified the official as Rafi Eitan, who was Menachem Begin's advisor on terrorism when he was Prime Minister. Eitan, who retired in September of 1984, served Begin from 1978.

Eitan has spent most of his professional life in the Mossad, Israel's senior secret service. He was reputedly the man who spearheaded the kidnapping of German war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Argentina in 1960.

He remained with the Mossad until the middle 1970s, after which Ariel Sharon (now minister of industry and trade) coopted him as his assistant. Sharon was then Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's advisor on terrorism.

Later, Eitan went into private business, and was named a member of the central committee of Begin's Herut Party. When Peres became Prime Minister, he appointed a

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Botched plane rescue results in bloodbath

It now appears that Egyptian commandos who stormed a hijacked EgyptAir plane in Malta inadvertently killed most of the passengers on board.

The plane, which was taken over by Arab gunmen on a flight from Athens to Cairo, was ironically the same one forced down by American fighter jets during the recent Achille Lauro affair.

Within hours of the rescue mission, the Egyptian government launched a campaign to defend it. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak declared that the majority of the 60 victims, which included two Canadians and one Israeli, died of smoke inhalation after the five hijackers threw grenades at the passengers. Thirty eight of them survived the ordeal, in what is now considered the bloodiest hijacking on record.

Mubarak, who blamed Libya for masterminding the hijacking, insisted that "not a single Egyptian bullet" had killed the passengers.

But Egypt's version of the horrifying events in Valletta was disputed by sources close to the investigation of the disaster.

Despite Mubarak's claim that the hijackers started the fire in the aircraft's cabinet with phosphorous grenades, doctors who examined the deceased reported no phosphorous burns on their bodies.

The wounds they suffered seem to be consistent with a much stronger blast than could have been caused by grenades. It seems that the Egyptian commandos used overly powerful bombs to break into the plane in an attempt to free the hostages.

This report fits in with accounts from witnesses in the airport control tower that a "big bang" shook windows up to a mile away from the Egyptian operation.

Mohammed Sid Ahmed, a leading Egyptian columnist, condemned the raid as "a catastrophe."

The drama began 10 minutes after the plane left Athens. After forcing it to land in Malta — an island nation with close ties to Libya — the terrorists demanded that the plane be refueled so that it could fly on to Tripoli. (The Libyans have denied involvement in the hijacking).

When the authorities refused, the hijackers — variously described as Syrians, Egyptians, Palestinians and Tunisians

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Continue coalition, 70% state in poll

TEL AVIV (JTA) — About 70% of the public thinks the national unity government should not be broken up before the end of its legal term in three years time, and a similar percentage feels the government economic package deal is a success, according to a public opinion poll published in Friday's Yediot Aharonot.

The paper did not say which organization had carried out the quiz among a representative sample of 1,233 people during the past two weeks.

Only 27% thought the present coalition should wind itself up, while 70% thought it should continue for another three years.

On the economic package deal, 70% thought it successful and 28% thought it had failed.

Asked about the effect of the recent confrontation between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, 43% believed it had improved Peres' public image, 38% thought it had made no difference, and 17% thought it had a detrimental effect on Peres. As for Sharon's image, 47% said it had had a negative effect, 10% said it had helped his public standing, and 40% thought it had made no difference.

World-National

Our media should have had Reagan

By
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I am writing this column after hearing President Reagan deliver his report on the Soviet-American summit to a joint session of the U.S. Congress. The address was brief and had been expected to be so. It left me with a number of matters to think about.

Rabbi Plaut

First of all, I was annoyed that I could not catch this rather important event on Canadian television or radio. If it was broadcast and I did not find it, I apologize — but at the time I was put out. For what the President had to report was not just an internal American matter. After all, both our own Prime Minister and external affairs minister took the trouble of flying to Brussels to hear what Mr. Reagan had to say; they clearly believed that the summit had enormous implications for NATO and the future of the world.

No credit

Not so the dozen stations I tried on the Canadian broadcast band. They brought us sitcoms or music or whatever I could fleetingly discern as I fiddled with the dial. For us, apparently, a condensed second-hand version on The Journal or whatever was deemed to be good enough. This is the kind of little-guy attitude that does not do us credit. It's not a sign of "Canadian independence" of which we can be proud. Maybe it was a small matter, but it did bother me. Nuclear war and human rights are priorities for all of us, even if the United States happens to be our quarterback.

Human rights: there was little on which Mr. Reagan reported and, as expected, Mr. Gorbachev said even less. The agreement had no specifics on this subject. Which gives me an opportunity to speculate that Soviet Jews *were* mentioned and that the Soviet leader gave an indefinite answer — for I rather think he did not repeat his asinine and brazen perversion of truth which he perpetrated in his interview with French reporters. He had said then that Soviet Jews were better off than anywhere else and that no discrimination against them existed on any level.

well-versed

As I can testify from my own limited experience (when I was part of a delegation visiting the President last summer), Mr. Reagan is well versed on the subject, even to the detail of knowing that in Russia, Hebrew cannot be taught like other languages.

So I rather think that the Soviet leader either told Mr. Reagan that he would look into specific allegations or that the American President had a distorted view of Soviet realities — or both. If Mr. Reagan did raise the subject, as he most likely did, the doors may be opened more widely for Soviet Jews in any case, doing something in this area is a cheap way for the Russians to demonstrate their sincerity about easing the cold war.

Once again Jews may turn out to be the bellwethers of human rights for one would devoutly hope that if restrictions are lightened for Jews they may be ameliorated for other religious groups as well.

I will further speculate that within the year Soviet Russia will establish some form of diplomatic relations with Israel — providing that the cold war does not break out again and that no serious military confrontations occur that involve Israel and other Arab states. By beginning an exchange of diplomatic personnel with Israel, Poland has already acted as a weathervane. If the Arabs will not raise the roof about it, the Soviet Union may see its way clear to take similar steps for herself.

Conspiracy in murder of U.S. ambassador

Meese urged to seek Arafat arrest

By
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WASHINGTON — U.S. attorney-general Edwin Meese has before him an extraordinary proposal to issue a formal warrant for the arrest of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, charging him with conspiracy in the murder of U.S. ambassador to the Sudan, Cleo Noel.

Noel was executed by Palestinian "Black September" terrorists in Khartoum in March 1973. U.S. intelligence, at that time, intercepted a radio conversation between Arafat and the terrorists during which the PLO chief is said to have personally given the order to kill the American envoy, who had been taken hostage at a diplomatic reception.

At that time, Arafat denied any involvement with Black September but U.S. officials have since charged that the "splinter group" was in fact operating under the specific instructions of Arafat's El Fatah branch of the PLO. They cited Israeli-captured PLO documents in Lebanon to back up their case.

A tape recording of Arafat's alleged conversation with the terrorists in Khartoum, it has been learned, was actually played for the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, when he was a high official in the Central Intelligence Agency in the 1970s. Other U.S. officials have also heard the recording.

But Meese is described by administration officials as unlikely to issue the warrant and to seek Arafat's extradition to the United States along the lines of the formal U.S. request for the arrest of Mohammed Abbas, accused by the justice department as being the mastermind behind the Achille Lauro hijacking. Abbas is closely associated with Arafat's mainstream branch of the PLO.

U.S. officials cited intelligence and political reasons in predicting that any similar legal move against Arafat was unlikely. They noted that U.S. intelligence sources might be compromised in publicly releasing the tape recording. They also said that the foreign policy ramifications would be "too serious" in going after Arafat's arrest.

Still, pressure from Republican conservative circles as well as from American Jewish political activists in Washington has been mounting on Meese to issue the warrant. They were encouraged to undertake the campaign by the Reagan administration's forthwright action against Abbas.

Thus, the former number 2 U.S. diplomat at the United Nations, Ambassador Charles Lichtenstein, is said to have presented Meese with a lengthy paper outlining some of the evidence against Arafat. Lichtenstein is currently affiliated with the Heritage Foundation, an influential conservative think tank in Washington.

One informed source insisted that the justice department has "plenty" of other evidence against Arafat beyond the intercepted tape recording. But that source also insisted that the international uproar which would result from any such U.S. action against Arafat was almost certainly going to prevent Meese from going ahead with the warrant.

Even as the debate over whether to try to arrest Arafat continued, U.S. officials denied that they have softened their position toward the PLO in any way.

They were responding to reports in the Israeli news media that Prime Minister Shimon Peres had made such a suggestion on Nov. 18 during a closed-door briefing of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee.

The state department said the longstanding American conditions for accepting the PLO remain unchanged — namely that the PLO would have to explicitly and publicly endorse UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as well as Israel's right to exist.

Still, despite this public reaffirmation of policy, some American and Israeli diplomatic observers continued to sense an erosion of sorts in the U.S. stance.

They cited Secretary of State George Shultz oft-repeated statements in recent weeks that the U.S. would deal with any Palestinians irrespective of their "labels" provided they were "men of goodwill."

During private sessions with American Jewish leaders, moreover, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy was reported to have acknowledged that no real progress was feasible in the peace process without some degree of cooperation from the PLO.

There was a clear sense emerging from the Murphy briefings that the U.S. was still anxious to find some way to bring the PLO into the process, beginning, perhaps, with a preliminary U.S. meeting with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. The Palestinians in any such group would not be formal members of the PLO, although they could be "sympathizers."

On Nov. 18, in fact, the state department made clear that the Reagan administration has not abandoned the proposal for such a preliminary session — in advance of direct negotiations involving Israel.

There had been several reports earlier that the U.S. had moved away from the concept in order to focus more attention on finding some sort of preliminary international framework which would lead towards direct negotiations.

Asked about those reports, state department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters: "I think my answer would very simply be that meeting (with a joint Jordanian - Palestinian delegation) still is a part of the peace process, and that we have not abandoned in any way that idea if the modalities and the arrangements can be worked out and if it contributes to what is our ultimate goal, which is, as you all know, a direct negotiation."

Pressed about the matter, Redman again insisted that the meeting with a joint delegation was still being actively considered. "I would ask you to focus on what has always been our final objective in this process, which is direct negotiations," he said. "The meeting you refer to was always a step within that process, and it continues to be a potential step in a process leading toward direct negotiations."

Redman, in response to another question, went on to insist that Jordan's King Hussein remained firmly committed to the peace process.

Murphy, who was in Geneva for the summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, embarked from there on a swing through the Middle East.

Beyond reporting to various Arab and Israeli leaders about the outcome of the summit, Murphy was also expected to explore various options for advancing the peace process.

U.S. officials confirmed that the administration was still seeking a procedural breakthrough which would result in some "appropriate international auspices." They also want to find credible Palestinians who would participate in any negotiations. They believe that any move to arrest Arafat would effectively kill that effort.

Mass-marketing makes heroes of the best-known

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON — I am not a faithful reader of the best/worst lists that flow out of every self-described pollster armed with a pen, pencil or printout. I don't share the general reverence for the mystical number ten as in The Ten Best/Worst dressed or coiffed, loved or respected among entertainers and athletes, world leaders and house pets.

Nevertheless, here I sit poring over three such lists that I have garnered from past weeks — a "greatest," a "most" and a "best" — trying to wrest some meaning out of the ranks of superlatives.

The "greatest" is a list of American heroes chosen by 4,000 high school students in 145 cities. The teenagers picked as their top three heroes Eddie Murphy, President Reagan and Bill Cosby. In that order. "Mom," by the way, was a write-in for seventh place.

The "most" list came from the November issue of Ladies Home Journal. The Journal survey of some 2,000 Americans ranked the Most Admired Women this way: (1) Katherine Hepburn (2) Barbara Walters (3) Geraldine Ferrarro (4) Jane Fonda and (5) Nancy Reagan. Tying for sixth place were Mary Lou Retton and Jeane Kirkpatrick.

Finally there is the "best" list. This was a group chosen by purse rather than by poll. The first five books on the New York Times best-seller nonfiction list are by and/or about the following people: Elvis Presley, Shirley MacLaine, Chuck Yeager, Lee Iacocca and Howard Cosell. Also-rans were Marilyn Monroe, Joan Kennedy and John DeLorean — under separate covers, of course.

On the surface, the people who share billing among the most and best and greatest have less in common than vanilla and strawberry in the top 10 ice-cream flavors. Consider the trinity of superheroes in the teen world. The President of the United States, a Beverly Hills Cop and Heathcliffe Huxtable. All they have in common is an AFTRA card. Yet an entire cohort group regards the three as roughly equal in the heroism quotient.

As for admiration, not only did the former UN ambasssdor come in neck and neck with a 17-year-old gymnast, but an actress, Katharine Hepburn, beat out a Supreme Court justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, by a country mile.

If there is any thread to follow through the upper end of the list, the public seemed to admire women who were outspoken on the air, on the campaign stump and in films. It seemed to matter less what exactly they had spoken out about. It is possible, for example, that the same people admire a candidate for vice-president and the wife of a President as if they were political peers.

The book list is even more curious. Readers are almost equally interested in a rock legend, a test pilot and a sports broadcaster. Even as we speak, a buyer is standing at a cash register somewhere in America trying to decide between the allure of one book that violates the privacy of Joan Kennedy and another that exhumes the body of Marilyn Monroe. Which car company executive will get to the cash register: the one who saved his company or the one who beat his rap?

Our interminable ranking is really a perverse sort of leveling. Only "names" make the lists. The individual who rises to the top must be mass-marketed. The "best" is really the best-known. The "most" is really the most famous. The "greatest" goes to those with the greatest circulation.

The whole process is quite bizarre. We have been told time and again that modern America invented celebrities, people who are known for being known. But if we combine all the lists together, what we have is the most disparate collection of people who share the one shining characteristic of the most/best/greatesat superlatives: fame. The President, his wife, the exercise guru, the car manufacturer, the broadcaster, the actress are all and equally stars.

In this leveling process, the basis for our admiration and the very definition of heroism are subtly perverted. We have come to admire people BECAUSE they are known. We find people interesting BECAUSE they are famous. It is not the act but the actor who has become the model of great American heroism.

Is it any wonder that the chief qualification for public office is name recognition? The miracle is that an ordinary creature like "Mom" ever made seventh place.

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Delivering divorce a religious act?

Jewish groups' proposals concern Ontario A-G

By
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TORONTO —
Ontario's attorney-general has expressed concern that proposals submitted by a group of Jewish organizations to amend provincial family law might offend Charter rights to religious freedom.

Ian Scott told a meeting of the standing committee of justice and legal affairs that the ministry was studying whether proposals calling for a spouse to affirm he or she had removed impediments to a spouse's remarriage "offends the Charter" of Rights and Freedoms by requiring someone to perform a religious act.

But John Syrtash, a lawyer representing a coalition of Jewish organizations submitting the proposals, told the committee the coalition's proposals, designed to influence a recalcitrant spouse into delivering a Jewish divorce, did not entail a religious act.

Syrtash said a Jewish divorce — the get — was like "a contractual release of parties" and not a religious act, though it took place in a Jewish environment.

Syrtash was representing the Toronto Vaad Harabonim (Council of Orthodox Rabbis), B'nai B'rith Canada, the Women's Perspective Advisory Committee, the Toronto Committee on Get, Jewish Family & Child Service, the Toronto Legal Committee on Get and the Jewish Women's Federation, an umbrella organization with 49 constituent groups including Hadassah and National Council of Jewish Women.

They are calling for changes to civil law to take into account abuses of Jewish divorce law for "extortionary" purposes.

Under proposals submitted to the committee by the coalition, a spouse requesting a property division, custody or access to children, must file a sworn statement "that he or she has, to the best of his knowledge, taken all steps solely within his or her power to remove all barriers to the other party's remarriage following divorce."

Similar proposals were made to a Parliamentary committee of justice and legal affairs to alter divorce laws, which come under federal jurisdiction (CJN Oct. 31). Property settlement is a provincial matter.

Syrtash suggested the proposed declaration be added to financial statements which parties seeking remedies under the Family Law Act must already submit. The court would "not entertain a spouse's request for relief" until that statement is filed, Syrtash suggested.

Syrtash told the committee there have been an alarming number of situations where a spouse withholds a get, or threatens to withhold it, in order to obtain a favorable property settlement following a marriage breakdown.

Because an observant Jew cannot remarry under Jewish law without first obtaining a get, some spouses are using that situation as an "extortionary tool."

The family law lawyer cited an instance where a man insisted his wife's family pay him $100,000 before he would deliver a get. He got it, Syrtash said.

Another case involved a husband who agreed to grant a get in exchange for exclusive ownership of a jointly-held condominium. That case has been dragging on for six years, Syrtash said.

"This extortionary tool is not used on the odd occasion but with such frequency that it has in most cases become simply one more factor in negotiations leading to the settlement of Jewish marital disputes," Syrtash's submission to the committee stated.

Failure to obtain a get affects children of the former wife who remarries, he added, since they are deemed mamzerim (bastards), and can be ostracized and isolated from the Jewish community.

The coalition's proposals to change the provincial Family Law Act, are modeled on amendments to New York State law, Syrtash told the committee. He said that "law has worked extremely effectively to help solve a very difficult problem in the Jewish community."

During a question period following the submission, Scott noted the attorney general's department "feels greatly concerned about the personal issues" involved.

But, he added, the ministry must consider whether the Charter's guarantees of freedom of religion are affected. "We also have concerns with the Moslem practice," he added.

Constitutional law professor John Whyte of Queen's University, legal advisor to the coalition, told the committee the proposals would not "implicate anyone into a religious practice."

The proposals do not force someone to act contrary to their religious beliefs, but merely carry out the terms of the marriage contract into which they entered freely, he said.

Other committee members questioned why the Jewish community did not deal with the issue itself. If the get question was not a religious issue, but a contractual one, one committee member asked, why was it not possible that changes be made to Jewish law.

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, a spokesman for the Vaad and one of four spokespeople for the coalition at the hearing, told the committee Jewish laws involved are "divinely instituted" and "not for us to change." He noted that the spouse using a get for economic leverage is "opting out of the religion" by not granting a get.

Lawyer Shayna Kravetz, spokeswoman for the Toronto Committee on Get, a group of 35 Jewish women active in the community, told the committee the proposal, if adopted, will ease the situation of many women in desperate straits, who find themselves "alone and isolated."

Jordan-raised adoptee asks recognition as Jew

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
A 58-year-old Haifa resident who says he was born to Jewish parents but adopted by a Christian woman at the age of one month has petitioned the Rabbinical Court to be declared a Jew.

Yusef Shufani says his parents, born in Germany, divorced when he was a month old. His father returned to Germany and his destitute mother gave him into the care of a Catholic lay nun.

The nun, Animeh Shufani, at that time headmistress of a Haifa Arab school, had him baptized as a Christian.

She moved with him to Jordan some time later, staying there until he was 12 years old, when they returned to Haifa.

He first learned he was a Jew while in Jordan, as his playmates laughed at his circumcision and his mother told him about his parentage when he queried her.

Shufani says he believes his real name is Belgond. His wife is a Christian Arab and they have six children, including a son now serving in the IDF paratroops.

Shufani said on Israel Television that his wife would remain a Christian if the rabbinate agreed to allow him to reconvert to Judaism. "We are a free-thinking family and I foresee no family problems. I myself tend toward returning to Orthodox Judaism," he said.

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: In the hierarchy of our Holy Days, just how important is Chanukah?

Our Holy Days stand at different levels. At the very top is the Sabbath.

Rabbi Burak

Thirty-nine categories of work are prohibited on that day. But, you are required to eat and drink well on that day. On Yom Kippur, the same categories of work are prohibited, and all food, drink and certain pleasures are also forbidden.

The opening and closing days of such festivals as the Passover are at a different level. One may not do any work on those days; but food preparation is permitted. So, if your fire has been lit, you may cook your food on it. During the intermediate days of the festival, another law pertains. You should not engage in your weekday work. You don't go shopping either. But, if the greatest bargain of the year is on sale that day, you just can't afford to miss it, then you may go out and buy it.

Chanukah stands outside all these parameters. One may work. One may earn money. One may cook, clean, and do all the housework. Those who are bowed down in mourning discover that Chanukah does not free them from the shiva.

All that is asked of you is that you light Chanukah candles each night for the eight days of the festival, that you recite the whole Hallel each morning, and that you have a slightly better meal than you would normally eat on a weekday.

As for the don'ts: you are not permitted to fast during these eight days. If you should be getting married during Chanukah, you do not observe our custom of fasting before the wedding. Thus, even if the bride wanted to fast on the wedding day so as to fit better into her wedding gown, she is not permitted to fast.

In yet another way, Chanukah stands out. Though it is a lightweight in comparison with the Sabbath, in at least one instance it can brush aside a Sabbath requirement. We are told to make kiddush on wine on Friday night. Those who for medical reasons are forbidden to take a little wine, take grape juice instead.

But, what happens if the problem is the poor state of your pocket?

What happens if the cost of having Chanukah candles is so high and your wallet is so slim, that you cannot afford to have both the wine and the candles on Friday night? How do you choose between them? The Shulchan Aruch rules in O. H. Chapter 678:1, that in such a case one purchases the Chanukah candle rather than the wine for kiddush.

The Mishneh Berurah explains this ruling by stating that when you don't have wine you say kiddush over the challah. He then adds that wine for kiddush is only a rabbinical requirement, and therefore the Chanukah candles which are also a rabbinical requirement can push it aside so as to make the miracle known to all. But, this is a rather cavalier way of dealing with this matter.

Wine for kiddush, according to Rashi, is a Torah requirement. While the Tosfos do not agree with Rashi, they uphold his basic principle. For Rashi, the commandment to drink a cup of wine on the Sabbath is derived from the statement in the Torah: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," which is interpreted in the Talmud: "Remember it over wine."

Tosfos states that the Torah, while it requires you to recite the kiddush over wine, does not require you to drink it. It is the sages of the Talmud who require that. The Pri Megaddim is surprised to see a law based on the Torah being brushed aside by a rabbinical ordinance.

To me it seems that this is an acknowledgement of the fact that if not for Chanukah, there might have been no Sabbath today. The Maccabees, by their heroism, made possible the survival of the Jewish religion.

Air battle seen as warning

Syria may have tried to make point

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Syrian army is Israel's chief enemy and a major threat to its security, Brig. Gen. Ephraim Lapid, chief spokesman of the Israel Defence Forces, said last week.

Lapid's portrayal of Syria's military strength came just a couple of weeks after the Israeli Air Force shot down two Syrian MIG-23s in a dogfight that flared over Lebanon and ended in a flash over Syria.

The aerial battle, the first between Syria and Israel in several years, began roughly an hour before the superpower summit in Geneva got underway.

Lapid, in an analysis of Syrian capabilities, said during a tour of the U.S. that Syria has one of the best equipped armies in the Middle East. He revealed that the Syrians have doubled their forces since the 1982 war in Lebanon.

According to Lapid, Syria has 4,500 tanks, 600 combat planes and a standing army of nearly half a million men.

In addition, Syria possesses SS-21 missiles and SA-5 surface-to-surface missiles.

Commenting on the fighting ability of Syrian soldiers, Lapid noted that Syria's troops fought "much better" in 1982 than in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Nevertheless, he added, Israel still has the "best" army in the region.

Israel reportedly has 3,500 tanks, 680 combat aircraft and a regular army of 142,000 that can swell to more than 400,000 when reservists are included.

Since the Lebanese war, Syria, with the assistance of the Soviet Union, has attempted to achieve strategic military parity with Israel. And in its bid to match Israel, Syria has paid special attention to its air force.

Analysts generally agree that the Nov. 19 dogfight, in which Syria was the clear loser, was instigated by the Syrians. They may well have done so in order to test themselves against the Israelis, who are considered among the finest in the world.

More likely, however, Syria may have been trying to make a point to the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

By taking on the Israeli Air Force, Syria's president, Hafez Assad, was telling President Ronald Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev that diplomatic efforts aimed at solving the Arab-Israeli dispute cannot bypass Syria.

Of late, American diplomacy has focused on Israel's problems with Jordan and the Palestinians. Syria's claim to the Golan Heights, occupied by Israel in 1967 and effectively annexed in 1981, has been virtually ignored by the Reagan administration.

Observers argue that Syria, in challenging Israeli air power in Lebanon, was warning Washington that a Middle East peace settlement cannot be reached unless Syria's grievances are taken into account.

In ordering his pilots to gun for Israeli jets on a routine reconnaissance flight, Hafez Assad certainly knew the odds were against him.

In June of 1982, the Israeli Air Force downed more than 80 Syrian aircraft in its successful raid against Syria's anti-aircraft missile batteries in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

And in their last aerial encounter, in August of 1982, Israel destroyed a Syrian MIG-25 north of Beirut.

Although Israel and Syria have a tacit understanding to avoid clashes in Lebanon, the Syrians have never accepted the Israelis' self-proclaimed right to patrol Lebanese air space. Indeed, Syria scrambles its MIGs whenever Israeli jets enter Lebanon.

Lately, Syria has increased its harassment of Israeli patrols, says the commander of Israel's Air Force, Maj.-Gen. Amos Lapidot.

Despite Syria's opposition to its flights, Israel shows no signs of changing its policy. Israel wants to keep a close watch on Syria.

In fact, within 24 hours of Israel's downing of Syria's two MIG-23s, Israeli planes were sent low over Beirut and the Bekaa Valley, causing sonic booms.

The cat-and-mouse game that Israel and Syria play shows no signs of abating.

Anti-Zionists ask to join Palestine National Council

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Neturei Karta, the virulently anti-Zionist ultra-Orthodox sect, has applied for representation in the central committee of the Palestine National Council (PNC), the so-called Palestinian parliament-in-exile which Israel regards as part of the PLO.

The Neturei Karta's 7-man supreme council officially contacted the PLO through its office in London and the request was wired to the PNC office in Baghdad, Rabbi Moshe Hirsch said.

Hirsch, who styles himself the sect's "foreign minister," said the idea was for Palestinian Jews to be represented in the Palestinian government-in-exile.

He said he hoped the PLO would be "more than eager" to include Palestinian Jews in their government, the establishment of which "will pave the way for the ultimate divine redemption by the Messiah, whom the Zionists prevent from coming by continuing the existence of their heretical state, Israel," he said.

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World-National

Country needs tourists more than ever

Mexican envoy urges Canadian Jews to visit

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

A decade after Mexico voted for a United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism, Mexico's ambassador to Canada last week urged Jews in Canada to visit his country.

Jose Andres De Oteyza made this appeal to B'nai B'rith Canada senior executives at a kosher luncheon.

Oteyza was part of a Mexican delegation promoting tourism in the wake of September's earthquake which devastated Mexico City and outlying areas. Included in the delegation were hoteliers, restaurateurs and chairmen of chambers of commerce from the tourist-oriented state of Guerrero.

Painting a grim picture of a Mexican economy bedeviled by zero growth, soaring inflation and high unemployment, Oteyza acknowledged that Mexico now needed tourists more than ever.

"A lot of people think Mexico was destroyed by this earthquake," he noted. "But this is not so. The overall damage was relatively minor."

Replying to a question from the floor, the dapper envoy said that Mexico's support for the Zionism equals racism resolution had really been "a misunderstanding" and that Mexico had in any even "retracted immediately."

Oteyza said that the Mexican government has "big respect" for the Mexican Jewish community. And he pointed out that, in spite of Arab pressure, Mexico sells enormous quantities of oil to Israel "because we are convinced it is fair.

"We're Israel's friend in good and bad situations, and we're proud and happy about that," he added.

Alejandro Cervantes Delgado, the governor of Guerrero, said the economy of his state is largely based on tourism.

Santiago Medina Torres, Guerrero's secretary of tourism, explained that the earthquake — which caused about 10,000 deaths — has had no "real impact" on resorts in Guerrero, chief among which are Acapulco, Ixtapa and Taxco.

He said the natural disaster struck during the low season and therefore is not expected to affect tourism in the high season which begins on Dec. 15.

Torres said the authorities are working on a plan to open a permanent kosher restaurant and even a synagogue in Acapulco.

Luis Pasquel, director of the Mexican Tourist Board in Toronto, said the delegation targeted B'nai B'rith because Mexico "has always been of great interest to Jewish communities."

According to Pasquel, upwards of 400,000 Canadians went to Mexico last year. Mexico attracted a total of some 5 million tourists in 1984.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, said the Mexican consulate here had asked him to organize a meeting for the delegates.

Alan Borden, B'nai B'rith's immediate past president, announced that its tour program will be substantially enlarged on Jan. 1.

In an interview prior to the luncheon, Dimant disclosed that B'nai B'rith has reached an agreement with one major wholesaler and nine travel agencies across Canada that will enable B'nai B'rith to offer about one tour every month. In 1984, five packages were avilable to B'nai B'rith members.

Spain denies report that ties to be put off

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The Spanish government has denied a report published last week that Spain has decided to postpone the establishment of formal diplomatic relations with Israel, the World Jewish Congress disclosed.

According to the WJC, Ambassador Manuel Sassot, the Spanish consul-general in New York, assured WJC executive Director Israel Singer during a private meeting that there will be no delay of any kind in the establishment of formal ties.

Wire services report on Nov. 20 said that Jorge Dezcaller, Spain's director-general of foreign policy for the Middle East, told officials in the United Arab Emirates that Spain would postpone the announcement of full ties with Israel until at least October, 1986.

Sassot told Singer that he has been assured by the foreign ministry in Madrid that the report is incorrect, and that the commencement of relations would take place, as originally planned, during the current legislative session in Spain.

According to Sassot, this means that relations will begin well before October.

Sassot also told the WJC that officials of the United Arab Emirates apparently released the inaccurate story in order to prepare their countrymen for what the Arab officials view as the inevitability of Spain-Israel ties. Israel has long had diplomatic relations with the members of the European Economic Community (EEC), which Spain is scheduled to join on Jan. 1.

The WJC also said it learned that Spanish security officials have visited their embassies in the Middle East to make final preparations for the establishment of formal relations between Spain and the Jewish state.

Israeli artist dies

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Yosef Zaritsky, doyen of Israeli art, has died at the age of 94. Art experts say he left his imprint on Israeli art, painting here for over 60 years.

Zaritsky was born in the Ukraine in 1891 and completed his art studies at the Kiev Academy of Art in 1914. After serving for a time in the Red Army, he settled in Jerusalem, where he was one of the founders of the New Horizons movement — a protest against the old-fashioned formal style he had found here. He was long regarded as the father of Israeli abstract art.

The Name Game

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TALALAY — BRODY

Sylvia Berk of Windsor, Ont., seeks information about the surname Talalay. It is probably an abbreviated form of Talalayevka, a village in the Ukraine a short distance northeast of the thickly-populated Jewish centre of Kiev. Oddly enough, there is another village by the same name farther east near the town of Romny. It must be confusing for the postman.

I gratefully acknowledge a letter from Selma Brody of Fredericton, expanding on the background of the Ukrainian town of Brody, which was a centre of Jewish learning for centuries.

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CHAZAN — CANTOR — SPIVAK

The chazan who leads the congregation in prayer was always an important figure in Jewish life. In German he was named as kantor and in Russian as spivak.

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The cantor was described in Hebrew as Sheliach Tzibur — the emissary of the congregation — who literally chanted appealingly to God on behalf of his congregants. This, in turn, gave rise to the surname Shatz — an acronym (the first letters "Sh" and "Tz" of Sheliach Tzibur.

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World-National

U.S. officials predict some thaw on Mideast, Soviet Jewry

Moscow expected to adopt more positive role

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials said last week they expect the Soviet Union to adopt a more constructive role in the Middle East and to ease the plight of Soviet Jewry in the coming weeks and months.

They said that President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz raised both these issues during their discussions in Geneva with Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

They acknowledged, however, that the major emphasis at the summit was on arms control and other broader issues.

As an immediate outgrowth of the summit, the Americans are now expected to accelerate their efforts aimed at opening direct Arab-Israeli peace negotiations under some sort of acceptable international umbrella.

They said that Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy, currently in the Middle East, would continue to explore all the various options with Israeli and Arab leaders.

They expressed confidence that the apparent thaw in overall East-West relations resulting from the summit would have a positive spillover on the Middle East.

U.S. officials noted that most of the discussions in Geneva involving the Arab-Israeli conflict were held between Shultz and Shevardnadze. Neither Reagan nor Gorbachev, in their public comments, addressed the subject directly.

In his Nov. 21 address before Congress, Reagan said the U.S. and the Soviet Union agreed to "intensify" their meetings on "regional conflicts and to work toward political solutions." But he did not elaborate.

U.S. officials said Shultz, during his meetings with Shevardnadze in Geneva, strongly reaffirmed the need for direct, face-to-face negotiations. The Soviet foreign minister, on the other hand, stressed the need for an international conference which the two superpowers would co-chair along the lines of the 1973 Geneva Conference on the Middle East.

At this point, U.S. officials said, Murphy has been charged with continuing the effort to achieve a procedural breakthrough on some sort of international conference and to find acceptable Palestinians who might join a Jordanian delegation. U.S. officials were cautiously optimistic that progress could be achieved.

On the matter of Soviet Jewry, U.S. officials are also hopeful. They said they expected the Soviet Union to increase the number of exit visas for Jews and others wanting to leave. They also expressed hope that Soviet harassment of Jews will be reduced. But they insisted there were no firm assurances from the kremlin.

U.S. officials said that Reagan had not raised specific cases of Soviet Jews with Gorbachev, although he had discussed the issue in general terms.

Peres pleased by peace efforts

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres apparently is pleased with Egypt's efforts to advance the Middle East peace process and with its investigation, so far, into the murder of seven Israeli tourists in Sinai last Oct. 5 by an allegedly beserk Egyptian policeman or soldier.

But while Peres extended a warm welcome to Egypt's oil minister, Abdel Hadi Kandil, who arrived here on a 2-day official visit with a personal message for the Premier from President Hosni Mubarak, the director general of Israel's foreign ministry, David Kimche, unleashed a scathing attack on Egypt during a symposium in Tel Aviv where he and Kandil both spoke.

According to Kimche, Egypt has failed to honor almost all of the terms of its 1978 treaty with Israel and the Egyptian press continues to publish scurrilous anti-Israel material.

Peres, who hosted Kandil at his home, told reporters that Mubarak, in his message, expressed willingness and readiness to move ahead in efforts to bring about peace talks between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians.

Mubarak reported to Peres that King Hussein shared the desire for a comprehensive peace and that he, Mubarak, was trying to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, the framework for general Middle East peace talks for the past 18 years.

Mubarak also sent condolences to the families of the seven Israelis — four of them children — gunned down at Ras Burka, a beach in Eastern Sinai, Peres reported. As for Egypt's investigation into the tragedy, Peres said Mubarak's message contained what he considered a fairly detailed interim report. It is not, however, the full report the Egyptians had promised would be forthcoming.

Peres went out of his way to demonstrate friendship with Egypt. Breaking protocol, he personally escorted the Egyptian minister to his car after their meeting at the Prime Minister's home.

Funds reportedly wasted

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Meron Benvenisti, probably Israel's leading authority on the demographics of the West Bank, charged last week the government and the World Zionist Organization are pumping money into unproductive settlements in the territory at a rate far higher than funds made available per unit or per capita to needy settlements and villages in Israel proper.

Most of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank are too weak to sustain themselves and would collapse if the government stopped pouring in money to prop them up, Benvenisti, a former deputy mayor of Jerusalem, told a press conference here.

He heads the West Bank Data Project, a private Israeli research organization financed by the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. He reported that the Jewish population of the territory increased by 21.5% last year to number about 51,600. But the main increase has been in the areas in the immediate vicinity of Jerusalem and the Tel Aviv region, where two-thirds of the Jewish population of the West Bank resides.

The Gush Emunim, militant Orthodox nationalists, number about 10,000, Benvenisti said. That is the hard core which has established 52 settlements mostly surrounding Arab villages and towns. But they seem to have run out of steam. Hardly any new settlers joined them in the past year, he said.

The bulk of the new settlers are Israelis affected by the acute shortage of affordable housing in Israel. They have been attracted by offers of cheap, high quality government subsidized housing in the territory, only 10 minutes drive from Tel Aviv or Jerusalem.

He estimated that as many as 66 of the 104 settlements in the territory have fewer than 200 residents each, too few to ensure growth. They cannot stand on their own feet but the government and WZO support them at the expense of Israeli towns and villages.

The Data Project's statistical studies show, for example, that the regular budgets of the regional councils in 1983 totaled $230 for every resident for Gush Etzion south of Jerusalem, $408 per capita for residents of the Jordan Valley and $357 per capita for residents of Samaria.

By contrast, the government has provided $126 per capita in the Shaar Hanegev region, in Israel; and only $97 per capita in Upper Galilee. According to Benvenisti, government grants to West Bank settlements were 3-4 times as much as for those inside Israel.

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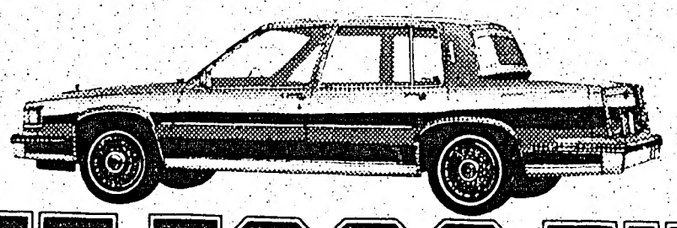
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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Dec. 6, 1962, the Israeli Supreme Court denied the status of Jew under the Law of Return to Oswald Rufeisen, a Carmelite monk. The straightforward decision was, however, emotionally complicated by the petitioner's former achievements as a Jewish anti-Nazi activist during World War II.

Rufeisen was born Shmuel to Jewish parents in Poland. His Jewish upbringing included membership in a Zionist youth movement. After the German drive into Russia in June 1941, Rufeisen, one in a torrent of refugees, wound up in the western White Russian city of Mir. Students of its famous yeshiva had just escaped the invasion with the aid of the local Japanese consul, to Shanghai. Rufeisen's Aryan looks and excellent knowledge of German helped him get a job as an interpreter for the police. Concealing his Jewish identity, he hoped to survive the war.

Unbridled German brutality — which included the mass executions of Russian prisoners-of-war, the killing of peasants for the slightest infraction of the occupation's new rules, and the beating and shooting of Jews driven from ghetto to slave labor — persuaded Rufeisen to use his position to save lives whenever possible. He became part of the unarmed active resistance movement.

Returning Wehrmacht detachments after defeats at the Smolensk front vented their frustration by shooting local Jews indiscriminately on the spot. On one day alone, Nov. 11, 1941, they killed some 1,600 Jews.

Rufeisen ingratiated himself with the German police commadant. The first victim he saved was a Soviet major, when was he chased out of the compound with a stick in the direction of a partisan encampment. The commandant, watching, was amused by the treatment of the man Rufeisen told him was just a drunken peasant.

Rufeisen's concern for the Jews remaining in the Mir ghetto mounted. Their number dwindled constantly in the cycle of disease, hunger, gratuitous cruelty and forced labor. The problem of how to make contact, and with whom, was solved when one day Rufeisen noticed a friend from his youth in the work detachment being led under a guard of armed police. Dressed in his black police uniform, he called upon him that evening ostensibly for an interrogation. It was an emotional reunion, one that set the groundwork for planned resistance.

Opinion in the camp was divided between those preparing to escape or shoot their way out if necessary and those hoping to survive the war where they were without antagonizing the Nazis. Rufeisen, in his front seat at the Nazi brutalities, urged his fellow Jews to prepare for the worst. He smuggled guns, rifles, grenades and ammunition in to them, slowly and discreetly to avoid detection by his fellow police officers.

In July 1942, a little over a year after the Nazis entered the area, Rufeisen overheard a conversation by telephone ordering the commandant to liquidate the ghetto in three weeks. He advised his friends in the ghetto's underground not to engage Nazis right there, where, even if they did succeed in killing a few of them, the Jews would be wiped out on the spot. A plan of evacuation to the forest was made.

On the date for the escape, Rufeisen created a distraction for the police and troops. He reported that partisans were spotted in the forest nearby at the opposite end of town from the ghetto. On his return, he was informed that during his absence Jews had escaped the ghetto into the forest. Rufeisen hurried to the ghetto to make his official investigation. To his dismay, he found that out of its 800 denizens, only 300 took the carefully planned opportunity to leave. Shortly afterwards, on Aug. 13, the date Rufeisen had overheard, the Ukrainian and German police rounded up its remaining 500 Jews and shot them.

Rufeisen, overwrought, confessed his identity to his astounded superior. Before the latter could fully recover, Rufeisen made his escape. He found shelter at a nearby convent. There he suffered a nervous breakdown, and was converted to Catholicism.

A few months later, he joined a partisan group, where he fought and survived the war. He joined the Carmelite order, hoping to be transferred to Israel. He finally came, as Brother Daniel, in 1958.

Rufeisen ultimately accepted the supreme court ruling — based on the Israeli government's principle that only a person who in good faith declares himself to be a Jew and has no other religion could be registered as a Jew — and remained in Israel.

Flip-flop on peace talks with Peres

Hassan withdraws surprise offer

RABAT —

King Hassan of Morocco last week backed off from a surprise offer to hold peace talks with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

The Moroccan monarch told French reporters here that he was ready only for indirect negotiations with Israel through the United Nations.

There was no explanation for Hassan's reversal.

Hassan had said he would like to meet the Israeli Premier for direct negotiations if Peres came up with serious proposals for a solution of the Middle East conflict.

Peres responded by saying that he would gladly visit Morocco if he received an invitation from Hassan, or that he would gladly host Hassan in Jerusalem "to talk peace."

He confirmed there have been "exchanges of messages" between himself and the Moroccan ruler, who is the current chairman of the Arab League.

"In my view, anyone can contribute to the advancement of peace in our region, especially heads of state. King Hassan could have an important contribution," Peres said in response to Hassan's statement.

Israel has had contacts with Morocco over the years and, considering that the latter is an Arab League member-state, they have not been unfriendly. Peres, in fact, met with Hassan five years ago when he was a member of the Labor opposition in the Knesset. His secret visit to Morocco at the time was subsequently leaked to the press. But the content of his talk with Hassan has never been disclosed.

Morocco has become relatively open to Israelis in recent years. It hosted a delegation of Knesset members to a conference there last year. Israelis of Moroccan origin get visas to visit that country without much difficulty.

Meanwhile, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Thomas Pickering, said the Reagan administration was disappointed by Hassan's decision not to meet Peres.

Speaking in Tel Aviv, Pickering said it would have been a real contribution to have such a meeting. "We were very encouraged by Premier Peres' immediate acceptance, and are disappointed that it does not now seem possible," he added.

Israeli officials expressed the belief that Hassan retracted his invitation to satisfy his Arab allies, but felt that such a summit was still possible.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's initial reaction to the invitation was much cooler than that of Peres. He said he did not regard such a meeting as of operational importance and that all the mesages regarding such a meeting were insignificant.

Hassan is due to meet soon in Paris with a delegation of the World Congress of Moroccan Jews, which includes a number of Israeli parliamentarians.

A month-and-a-half ago he was scheduled to meet with Jewish leaders of Moroccan origin in New York, but the meeting was cancelled after the king cancelled his visit to the U.S.

Crosbie will address BB

TORONTO —

Justice Minister John Crosbie, will deliver the keynote address at the 11th annual B'nai B'rith Media Human Rights Awards presentation to be held here Dec. 9, in commemoration of International Human Rights Day, the organization has announced.

Sponsored by the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, to recognize the Canadian media for their coverage of human rights issues, the ceremonies will take place at 8 p.m. in the Dominion Ballroom, Sheraton Centre.

In addition to Crosbie's remarks, awards will be presented to 12 media organizations for their coverage of issues ranging from anti-Chinese hate propaganda to women's rights.

As part of a 6-year program of public information and political action by the League for Human Rights, a special tribute will also be made to Raoul Wallenberg in absentia.

Wallenberg is cited for his heroic efforts to save Hungarian Jews during World War II and his devotion to the highest humanitarian ideals.

John Crosbie

"This year's program promises to be particularly significant, falling as it does on the eve of International Human Rights Day and the 37th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human rights," said co-chairman Toni Silberman of Toronto.

Commenting on the scope of the event, Jacques Hadida, the co-chairman from Montreal, said, "we have received a record number of submissions from large and small media organizations, from all parts of the country, in both official languages."

The public is invited to attend the Media Human Rights Awards. The cost for the ceremony and reception is $12 per person.

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Romanian rabbi sees hope for Soviet Jews

By KEVIN FREEMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Romania suggested last week that the summit in Geneva between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may lead to an eventual easing of the plight of Soviet Jews. However, in assessing the summit's results, he cautioned, "I'm only a rabbi, not a prophet."

Speaking to reporters at a news conference at the headquarters of the American Jewish Committee, Rosen indicated that the summit may be the beginning of an overall improvement in the atmosphere surrounding relations between the two superpowers. This he said, could result in a better situation for Jews in the Soviet Union.

The 73-year-old Rosen, who presides over a small, though vibrant Jewish community of 25,000, is in the U.S. on one of his regular visits where he meets with various Jewish groups interested in Romanian Jewry. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee provides substantial funding to numerous programs for Romanian Jewry.

Prior to World War II, the Jewish population of Romania totaled about 800,000. While some 400,000 survived the Holocaust, Rosen prides himself on the fact that 380,000 Romanian Jews have made aliya in the last 40 years. Aliya, he said, is continuing.

Rosen noted that Romanian Jews have been able to study and practice Judaism unlike the Jews in the Soviet Union and other Eastern bloc countries. He attributes this to behind-the-scenes diplomacy. According to Rosen, this tactic has been successful.

He told reporters that Romania has 11 kosher restaurants in which 4,000 persons eat every day; a network of old age homes with nearly 500 beds; a meals-on-wheels program for over 900 bedridden people and programs providing money, food, clothes, and medical help for more than 6,000 people. The JDC has aided in these programs.

Rosen, who has been a member of the Romanian parliament since 1957 serving as representative of the Jewish community, said that Romanian authorities have allowed the publication of a biweekly magazine, Revista, in Romanian, Hebrew, Yiddish and English. He said the magazine is circulated all over Europe, including the Soviet Union and other Communist countries.

Soviet authorities, he said, have allowed the publication to enter the country because, as he said, the magazine is not fighting the Soviets.

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Editorial

Beacons shine on

"Those who are not prepared to die for their principles," a wise man once observed, "will see their principles die." This is the motif which inspired Judah the Maccabee and his followers from Modi'in 2,149 years ago as they gave battle to the Seleucid forces during the reign of Antiochus IV.

It would be easy, says M. S. Rockland in her charming text The Hanukkah Book (Schocken) to depict the struggle during that epoch as one between easily identified good and bad forces. History like life itself is, however, far more complicated.

The reality of the situation is that Judah and his band of "glorious brothers" (Howard Fast's felicitous term) has to face not only the savagery of Antiochus and his brutal military commanders but the opposition of home grown Jewish collaborators.

The fight against the Seleucids was as much a fight against the Hellenizers, that is, the assimilationist elements with the Jewish community. Their influence had penetrated into the very precincts of the Temple in Jerusalem where counterfeit priests were ready to accommodate pagan practices.

Judah's coalition of righteous men could not tolerate this violation of the sancta in Jewish life and resolved to rid the holy city of its pagan elements. Their resolve was rewarded and the Temple was purified.

The first Chanukah, that is, the dedication of the Temple, occurred on the 25th of Kislev in 164 BCE. The circumstances surrounding that first festival of lights are recorded for posterity in I Maccabees 4:38-40 where there is a graphic description of the way in which the Temple and its accoutrements were beautified and rendered sacred once again.

The lights which we kindle each year on Chanukah, a veritable blazing fountain by the end of the eighth night, are commemorative beacons which shine on the heroic example of self-sacrifice and courage displayed by the Maccabees, those sturdy patriots who fought for the honor of Judaism and the Jewish people.

Let Syria learn

For the past 30 years, Alois Brunner, one of the most notorious war criminals, has lived a normal life in Damascus, Syria. We know this for certain because Bunte, the West German magazine, has interviewed the unrepentant Nazi. The Syrian government, for official purposes, has consistently denied that Brunner resided in Syria. But how can the Syrians continue to lie about their complicity in the Brunner case now that Bunte has tracked down the Nazi? Clearly, Brunner has become an embarrassment to Syria, which had no prior knowledge of his decision to grant Bunte an exclusive interview.

With Brunner's whereabouts having been confirmed, it is plainly incumbent on Syria to extradite him to either West Germany or Austria, the countries that have demanded his extradition. Failing that, Syria should at least hand over Brunner to an impartial international tribunal that would try him for his crimes against humanity.

A captain in the SS, Brunner was one of Adolf Eichmann's most important aides. Having been responsible for sending up to 120,000 Austrian, German, French, Greek and Slovakian Jews to their deaths, he played a key role in the implementation of Hitler's Final Solution. To this day, he regrets nothing. Indeed, Brunner told Bunte he had "no bad conscience" for "getting rid of that garbage."

Brunner cannot be permitted to evade a court of law. And Syria, which is a signatory to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, should do the decent thing and deport this animal who deigns to describe himself as a human being.

Let Syria learn from Bolivia, Canada and the U.S. Bolivia deported Klaus Barbie to France. Canada deported Helmut Rauca to West Germany. The U.S. stands ready to deport John Demjanjuk to Israel. Syria has absolutely nothing to gain — and everything to lose — by protecting this loathsome Nazi.

Israel remains unresolved question

Jewish-Catholic ties improve

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

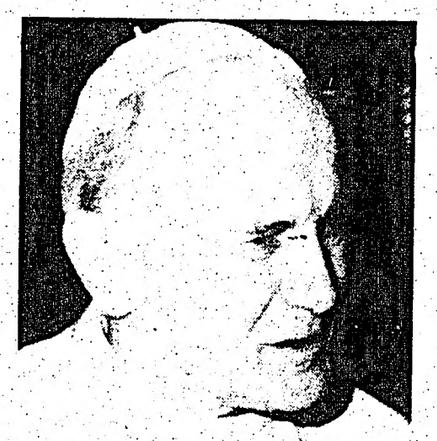
On Oct. 28, 1965, Pope Paul VI signed a document which may have inalterably changed official Roman Catholic attitudes to Jews. The Second Vatican's Declaration on Non-Christian Religions (*Nostra Aetate*), which repudiated anti-semitism and the charge of deicide, may well have rid the church of the traditional "teaching of contempt" by Christians against Jews and Judaism.

Perhaps more important, Nostra Aetate provided the basis for a dialogue of "mutual esteem" between Catholics and Jews, says Eugene Fisher, executive secretary of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations.

Twenty years after the church decided to take a fresh look at its relationship with the Jewish people, Catholic and Jewish leaders generally believe that the old suspicions and stereotypes which invariably poisoned the atmosphere have begun to erode.

This new era has been felt particularly in the U.S., with its mix of 6 million Jews and 50 million Catholics. "There have been more positive Catholic and Jewish encounters in this country in the past 20 years than there were in the first 1,900 years" of Christianity, says Rabbi James Rudin, director of the American Jewish Committee's department of interreligious affairs.

In the view of observers, much of the improvement has involved efforts by Catholics to understand Jews, since Christian misconceptions of, and hostility to, Judaism were at the heart of anti-semitism. But of late, Jews have made attempts to gain a better understanding of Christianity. This growing dialogue, however, rarely involves Orthodox Jews, even though Orthodox Jews and Catholics have more in common than they might imagine: both groups oppose legalized abortion and advocate aid to parochial schools. Liberal Jews, who usually advocate a rapprochement with the church, don't necessarily favor such policies.



Pope John Paul II... new agreement

In America, the concrete results of Nostra Aetate are evident in many different spheres.

•Books and lessons in Catholic schools have eliminated references to Jews as Christ killers, and now stress the Jewishness of Jesus and recognize the validity of God's covenant with Jews.

•Twenty six percent of Catholic high schools use material on the Holocaust, and nearly all Catholic colleges offer courses on Judaism.

•Jewish and Catholic leaders meet routinely in dioceses around the world, although Nostra Aetate has not been embraced with as much vigor outside America.

•Rabbis and priests frequently preach from each other's pulpits, and members of synagogues and churches meet in each other's livingrooms to discuss community and religious problems.

•Students for the rabbinate and the priesthood throughout the country have met for frank discussions.

•The Chicago archdiocese has published a Passover Haggadah adapted by a rabbi for use by Catholics who want to celebrate the seder with their Jewish friends or neighbors, or experience the seder as Jesus did.

•The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Philadelphia archdiocese have jointly prepared a booklet designed to introduce Jews to the history and the central beliefs of Christianity.

•The Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, a Roman Catholic order founded by a French Jewish convert to pray for the conversion of Jews, has abandoned that mission and now promotes Christian understanding of Judaism.

In a wider context, the Polish-born incumbent Pope, John Paul II, has given his blessing to a recent agreement on a joint Jewish-Catholic program "to overcome the residues of indifference, resistance and suspicion."

Analysts regard the agreement, which was announced on Nov. 2 in Rome, as important because it marks an improvement in Catholic-Jewish ties after a period of strained relations.

The strains developed last June following release of *Vatican Notes*, which instruct Catholics on how to perceive Jews. Although Vatican Notes contained a strong condemnation of anti-semitism, Jews were not enamored of it and said it was infused with "a retrogressive spirit."

Jews were disappointed by Vatican Notes because the Holocaust was given short shrift, because of language saying Israel should not be understood in "religious" terms, and because of a passage declaring that Catholicism and Judaism "cannot be seen as two parallel ways to salvation."

It is generally agreed that Pope John Paul II went some way to defuse the criticism when, in the wake of a meeting with a Jewish delegation, he issued a number of clarifications pertaining to Vatican Notes.

The Pope called the "spiritual links" between Catholics and Jews "sacred," and he affirmed the permanent validity of Judaism. John Paul II urged that anti-semitism, in its "ugly and sometimes violent manifestations, should be completely eradicated." In a reference to the Holocaust, he asked Catholics "to fathom the depths of the extermination of many million Jews during the Second World War and the wounds thereby inflicted on the consciousness of the Jewish people."

Significantly, he did not touch on Israel, which the Vatican does not officially recognize.

Israel remains one of the thorniest unresolved questions confronting Jews and Catholics interested in good relations. Several Israeli leaders have been granted audiences with various popes. But the Vatican, which has a considerable Arab constituency, remains reluctant to grant Israel diplomatic recognition.

Joseph Oppenheimer... he was hanged

Vatican policy will not likely change as long as the Palestinian issue remains unsolved.

COURT JEWS

Selma Stern writes of a peculiar institution in *The Court Jew (Transaction Books, $29.95)*. She deals with a period in European history when the growth of capitalist economies was such that new, unheard of opportunities opened up for wealthy and politically astute Jews.

From 1650 to 1750, the century which spanned the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, absolute rulers who sought to create a modern mercantilist economy and a unified, centralized state used Jews as collaborators and advisors.

With trade no longer condemned, or interest equated with usury, as had been the case in the Middle Ages, Jews were seen in a somewhat different light. Jews were drawn into the financing of trade companies and colonies and became, in Stern's words, "pillars of the expanding economy."

These so-called court Jews, who served a succession of princes and noblemen, gained a certain amount of status, and much wealth, in the process. With the help of the Jews, they were able to combat backward-looking guilds and to establish efficient monetary and credit systems so crucial to a well-oiled economy.

Who were these court Jews? Two of the most illustrious were Joseph Suess Oppenheimer (the central character in a vicious Nazi film), whose career unfolded in Germany, and Diego Senior Texeira de Sampaio, a Portuguese Marrano who forged commercial links between the Hanseatic city of Hamburg and Spain and Portugal.

Court Jews, explains Stern, modeled themselves on their Christian aristocratic patrons. They adopted their fondness for ceremony and formality, for ostentation and display, for courtly manners and speech, for costly buildings and rich dress, for titles and marks of rank.

Many court Jews, in their role as shtadlanim, represented their co-religionists in Christian society. Some court Jews abused their roles and behaved despotically toward their fellow Jews, Stern notes.

In the final analysis, the court Jew was a very vulnerable figure. He might possess a title, but he had no position. He served the powerful, but he had no power himself. The court Jew aroused resentment and jealousy, and more than a few met tragic fates.

Joseph Oppenheimer was hanged in 1738 and his remains were displayed in an iron cage. Wolf Wertheimer went bankrupt when the Bavarian government defaulted on a loan.

Their downfall, Stern writes, was not self-induced. As bearers of a new and revolutionary political and economic ideas, they were probably doomed from the start. They were the ultimate scapegoats.

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Opinion

His secret: Martinis, cigars, dating young girls

George Burns at 90 makes old age fashionable

GERRY MORRIS, The CJN critic of New York plays, reviews the career of George Burns. Gerry Morris is a member of the Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critic Association.

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On Jan. 20, the master raconteur, George Burns, will bring his ever present El Producto stogies, his gravel-throated voice and turn-of-the-century patter songs to a big CBS special celebrating his 90th birthday and 83rd year in show business.

The incorrigible comedian started performing in 1903, not long after Teddy Roosevelt became President. For the past 10 years Burns has been America's self-appointed spokesman for a segment of society known as the swinging octogenarians. His old-fashioned charm, his spirited, quick tongue and ageless innocence are like a breath of fresh air in the vast Sahara of crude and offensive patterns in the current American entertainment industry.

Spry, spruce and sagacious, he is tremendously admired for his positive mental attitude. The beloved comic once said, "I can't get old — I'm working. I was old when I was 21, and out of work."

Show business has not known careers quite as remarkable and enduring as that of George Burns. You might say he is the composite of a Babe Ruth, a Ty Cobb and a Joe DiMaggio of the entertainment world. He is a standout in every department: radio, TV, movies, records, night clubs, and is also the author of six best selling books. The multi-talented comedian has not just improved with age — he has blossomed.

This undisputed King of Comedy possesses impeccable timing, and manages skilfully not to cross the fine line that separates the naughty octogenarian from the dirty old man, though sometimes he comes perilously close with his mischevious insinuations. The warmed-over Cassanova was once asked if an 85-year-old man can find happiness with a 35-year-old woman. "No, not often," Burns said, "maybe once or twice a night."

The 90-year-old banana is unswayed and unruffled by the passage of time. He worries very little. He says, "If I have a problem I don't take it to bed with me — I tell her to go home."

Dressed in his traditional tuxedo, taking a twinkling-eyed puff on his cigar, peering amiably through his horn-rimmed glasses, he confided to his fans: "You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old. You know you're old when everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work, or when you're still chasing women, but you can't remember why." Burns is happy to share his secrets of longevity. "Drinking martinis, smoking cigars, and dating young girls is a necessity." He further explains, "I'd go out with women my age but there are no women my age."

Father was synagogue functionary

Like so many old time Jewish-American comedians and song writers, he started his career on the sidewalks of New York. Born Nathan Birnbaum, he grew up on the lower east side of Manhattan and never made it past the 4th grade. His pious father, a part-time cantor and synagogue functionary who emigrated from Poland, died when George was 7. "If I said my father was the worst provider in the world I'd be lying, but only a little. It wasn't that he didn't love us, because he did, very much so, but trifles like food, rent and clothing never even crossed his mind.

"My mother was a remarkable lady, with a great sense of humor, and she had a way of solving problems and you didn't even know she was doing it.

"When I was a kid," he goes on, "I had to hustle to make money for my family. I was the breadwinner in a family of 12. I went into show business and the others went to school." He began trouping at the age of 7 with the Pee Wee Quartet. They sang in the streets, the saloons, and on ferryboats. They passed the hat. "Sometimes," he mused, "we made as much as 15¢ and to us that was big money." By the time he was 14, he was a trick rollerskater, a dancer, a yodeling juggler and a neophite vaudevillian.

Caricature of Gerry Morris by Al Hirschfeld

In his early years he was a nickle-and-dimer and played theatres that were so broken down "if they cancelled me, they would have been doing me a favor." At that point he adopted a cigar as a prop because he was afraid to perform on stage without something to hold on to.

He struggled with a constantly changing act until in 1923 he teamed up with Gracie Allen, then an unemployed 17-year-old Irish-American actress, daughter of a song and dance man. She had made her debut at 3. Young Burns and Allen received their early schooling living out of a trunk doing the old-time 5-show-a-day vaudeville grind.

George affectionately recollected that in those years "she was a dainty little thing, only 102 pounds, but she was a big talent." She could sing and dance, and was a fine actress with a marvelous flair for comedy. Initially George was the comic and Gracie "the straight man," but they reversed roles after the first performance when she drew all the laughs.

They married in 1926, and when he told his Orthodox Jewish mother he was marrying a Catholic, Burns said, he expected an outraged explosion. Instead she simply shrugged and said, "If they'll have you, that's fine."

Their first air show was in 1931, as guests on Eddie Cantor's program, and their audience appeal proved so great that they were signed for appearances on the Rudy Vallee and Guy Lombardo shows. In 1932 they signed for their own network program on CBS, and they were regulars on radio and TV until Gracie retired in 1958. George, in his typical self-deprecating style said, "Gracie was so good she carried the both of us."

The breezy Mr. Burns, with his dry, rasping voice, and the scatterbrained Gracie were perfect foils for each other. Known as the Wizards of Farce, they formed radio's smoothest, yet screwiest comedy alliance. Gracie may have been the nitwit of the airways, but she was dumb like a fox. She headed the list of the most intelligent women in Hollywood in 1937, and catapulted the comedy team to the top of the radio and TV heap, where they reigned for 28 years.

Nostalgically reflecting on the halcyon days of vaudeville, he allegedly said, "I never would have become a star without Gracie, I'd still be plugging along in show business. She pushed me all those years. I always knew what to do offstage, but I couldn't do it when I got on. I didn't have the confidence. Maybe it was because I never had any schooling. But whatever the reason, I was a flop."

He claims he has been in show business only since 1958 when Gracie retired. "No wonder she checked out — she did all the work. If we had 35 pages of dialogue, Gracie had to memorize 25 pages of it. All I did was say, 'So tell me about your brother!' Gracie would then talk for half an hour and I just smoked a cigar, and took a puff every time they laughed."

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As a standup comedy solo Burns found immediate acceptance. His monologues with droll, relaxed humor never missed. After several years as a single he took on a new partner — Carol Channing. They played the circuits and she switched from Miss Allen's dumb characterization to a dame who plays dumb shrewdly. In 1964 he split with Channing to stay closer to the ailing Gracie, who at 59 succumbed to a heart attack.

Burns was shattered. He threw himself into his work soon after and has not stopped since. When George talks about Gracie he does so with great love and reverence. "I had a great marriage," he said. "That's why I'd never get married again. I go out of course. It's hard to go to a restaurant or a party by yourself. I need someone to talk to — to be with, to light my cigars." He still goes to the cemetery once a month and talks to Gracie. He openly claims to sleep in Gracie's bed whenever he feels lonely.

His closest friend was Jack Benny. When Jack died in 1974 Burns was inconsolable. The deaths of Gracie and Benny were the two biggest blows in his life, but he continued to surge ahead. He said of Benny, "Jack was my best friend for 55 years. He was always great — he was gentle, kind and beautiful." The feelings were reciprocal.

Ironically, the death of Jack Benny was indirectly responsible for the extraordinary new turn Burns' career took in 1975 when he inherited the role of Al Lewis in the movie Sunshine Boys. Benny was originally signed for the part but passed away. For his brilliant performance as the old time vaudevillian, Burns became the oldest individual in Oscar history to capture the best supporting actor honor.

Since the death of Benny he has moved into the position of the grand old lion of American comedy. Next came the title role in Oh God in 1977. The Warner Brothers smash won him a new generation of young fans, and this success was followed by two other Oh God movies, which prompted the cigar-toting Burns to remark — "I played God 3 times without makeup."

Book dedicated to the widows of his doctors

His love of the footlights gets him out of bed at 7.30 a.m. He then plunges into a routine he has followed for years which includes a half-hour of strenuous exercises and a 15-minute brisk walk.

How does the doctor feels about his smoking 10 cigars a day? "The doctor died."

His best seller How To Live To Be 100 Or More is dedicated to the widows of his last six doctors.

At a party given in honor of his 80th year in show business, he reminisced about his career. "I'd rather be a failure at something I'm in love with than be successful at something I hate." He has an adopted son and daughter and seven grandchildren. "If they could learn to sing in harmony I'd throw them into show business too."

In 1981 George was honored at an 85th birthday party given in Hollywood to commemorate the building of The George Burns Medical Centre at the Ben-Gurion University in Israel. A man with a good heart, warmth and honest sentimentality, he recently gave $1 million to the intensive care unit for the hospital at the Motion Picture Retirement Home in Los Angeles. "Self-preservation," said the elder jokesman. "Some place to go when I get old."

In 1974 he underwent open heart surgery. "The doctor said if I didn't do it I would die." Death doesn't terrify him. "I'm not what you would call a religious man, though I came from an extremely devout Jewish family. My father had a beard that went from the 3rd floor to the street. I don't believe in the hereafter. When you die you're dead. You're out."

With his witty, radical views of life he suggested, "If I don't make them laugh here, I'm not going to make them laugh anywhere else. I don't think there's an audience where I'm going, but I'll take along my music just in case."

He doesn't dwell in the past. "I don't live in yesterday, I live in Beverly Hills."

"When in New York he loves to dine and shmooze with his cronies at the legendary Friars Club. "Will I retire? Never! What are you gonna do except sit there and play with your cuticles. I retired during all those years I worked with Gracie." He further reflected, "Comedians don't quit. If they hear one laugh they keep going, which is exactly what I intend to do."

Obsessed with the work ethic he said, "I'm not quitting anything. I haven't quit smoking cigars, I haven't quit drinking martinis and I'm going to stay in show business until I'm the last one left. Don't you see," he said drily, "I'm making old age fashionable — people can't wait to get old." He is already booked to appear at the London Palladium on Jan. 20, 1996 on his 100th brithday. "I can't afford to die, not when I'm booked," he said.

George Burns..."I can't get old."

Opinion

Author sees "openness" and renewal

An optimistic view of American Jewry's future

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The gloom and doom so often forecast for American Jewry by sociologists, rabbis and lay leaders is addressed head on in *A Certain People (General Publishing, $29.95)*, a purposeful new book by Charles Silberman, a distinguished scholar cum-journalist.

For years now we have been inundated by a torrent of apocalyptic statements predicting the demise of Jews in the U.S. We have heard that their low birth rate, high intermarriage rate and declining interest in their religion and culture were leading Jews toward spiritual self-immolation. We have also been told that, though America has treated its Jewish citizens as no other nation in history, anti-semitism is still a powerful phenomenon and should not be underestimated.

Silberman is quite aware of what is being said about the future of American Jews. But, in A Certain People, he looks at the bright side, and reaches conclusions that are diametrically opposed to those espoused by hand wringers among us. Some readers, thinking that Silberman has been seduced, may disagree with his findings. But even if they do, they will be hard-pressed to deny that he has drawn a striking, if provocative, portrait of Jewish Americans in the waning years of the 20th century.

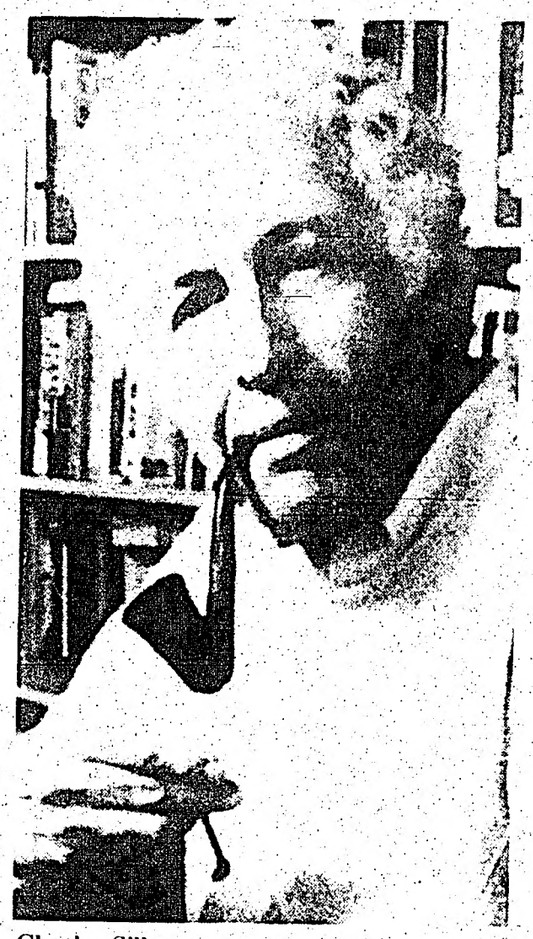
His thesis is that American society has "broken open" to Jews and other non-Anglo Saxon groups in ways which could not have been imagined a generation ago. Silberman acknowledges that pockets of discrimination remain, but he takes the view that virtually every occupation and almost every position is open to American Jews today.

It is his contention that there has been a renewal of Jewish religious and cultural life, and that intermarriage is not really a threat. In his opinion, anti-semitism has declined, and cannot become an instrument of state oppression.

Silberman, a former editor of Fortune Magazine, writes that Jews have entered the mainstream of economic, social and political life despite a significant "residue" of anti-semitism. "Being Jewish is no longer a misfortune, except, perhaps, for social climbers or those who would like to be president."

Jews, he believes, now belong to "the advantaged majority." And a number of Jews, he adds, have been accepted by the WASP Establishment. To Silberman, nothing symbolized the changing position of Jews so dramatically as the election in 1973 of Irving Shapiro as chairman of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company. Shapiro was not the first Jew in America to head a major corporation. Gerard Swope served as president of General Electric from 1922 to 1940. But he, unlike Shapiro, "went to great pains to hide his Jewish origins."

In suggesting that Jews need no longer conceal their Jewishness to advance in corporate America, Silberman provides several success stories. He writes of Morris Tanenbaum, the son of an immigrant who is now executive vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; of Reuben Mark, the chief executive officer of Colgate-Palmolive, and of Gerald Greenwald, the vice-chairman of Chrysler.



Charles Silberman...looks at bright side.

Turning to academia, Silberman, formerly a member of Columbia University's economics department, says that Jews have penetrated a field that was all but Judenrein before World War II. Lionel Trilling, the literary critic, is quoted as saying that his friends poked fun at his naivety when he decided to try to obtain an academic appointment.

More than 40 years after Trilling broke into Columbia's English department, Jews constitute 9% of the faculty of American universities and 20% of the faculties of elite institutions. Indeed, a few Jews have been named heads of prestigious universities. Edward Levi, in 1968, became president of the University of Chicago. Martin Meyerson, John Kemeny and Jerome Weisner and Michael Sovern are, respectively, presidents of the University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, MIT and Columbia.

Politics is another area where Jews have made mighty strides. Although the White House still appears closed to Jews, even that barrier may fall as well. Silberman cites survey data showing that the percentage of non-Jews who would not vote for a Jewish presidential candidate has dropped from 46% in 1937 to 7% in 1983.

Silberman claims that Jews are being elected to every political position in every part of the country. Of eight Jews in the Senate, four senators — Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, Chic Hecht of Nevada, Edward Zorinsky of Nebraska and Warren Rudman of New Hampshire — come from states where Jews constitute less than 1% of the population.

Understandably, older American Jews find it hard to believe that their new-found acceptance is real or that it can endure. They can recall an America where Jews were made to feel like strangers or interlopers. In 1934, Mordecai Kaplan, a seminal Jewish thinker, reported that "the prospects of the Jews attaining social and economic equality is... remote..." In 1936, the editors of Fortune asked: "Can this universal stranger be absorbed in the country which has absorbed every other European stock?" In 1942, J.F. Brown, chief research psychologist of the Menninger Clinic, concluded that Jews could only counter anti-semitism by surrendering "their religion, their customs" and (disappearing) "into the crowd." In 1937, Arthur Krock, a non-professing Jew, was told he had been passed over for an important job at the Jewish-owned New York Times because of his background.

To Silberman, that era of degradation and shame is over. Jews, particularly since the 1967 Six Day War, are increasingly proud of their Jewishness, and have entered an era in which they acknowledge and even celebrate their distinctiveness.

Whereas Jews once were careful to avoid visible displays of their Jewishness, the opposite seems to be true today. A minor, but revealing, example will suffice. Until the middle 1970s, the Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles refused to serve kosher food to observant patients. And, although the hospital had a fulltime Catholic chaplain on its staff, it had no rabbi. Cedars-Sinai now has a rabbi and a kosher kitchen.

In the same vein, Jews rarely feel obliged to anglicize their family names, and an increasing number are giving their children biblical or modern Hebrew names instead of the "American" ones so popular a generation ago.

Silberman is clearly optimistic. As he puts it: "The fact remains that the great majority of American Jews, young and old as well, are retaining their Jewish identity. As a group... young Jews are at least as committed to Jewishness as their elders; and among a small but significant minority, generational change now involves an intensification rather than diminution of Jewish religious, intellectual, and cultural life."

The "openness" of America is such, he goes on to say, that Jews can express their Jewishness in "a wide variety of ways without surrendering their participation in American life."

Silberman, who spent five years researching his topic, reports that the Jewish birth rate is higher than he thought — "high enough to keep the Jewish population at about its current size" — and that the intermarriage rate is lower and its consequences "less adverse" to Jewish continunity than he assumed.

Edward Levi...university president.

In his discussion of intermarriage, Silberman brings to bear his professional knowledge of statistics. He says that the debate over it has been built on "an erroneous statistical base... that grossly exaggerates its frequency."

Climbing out on a limb, he argues that intermarriage (whereby one non-Jewish partner converts to Judaism) "may actually increase" the Jewish population. "In a sense, intermarriage involves an exchange of population: although some marginal Jews do drop out... they are replaced... by Christians who choose to become Jews. The result is what (sociologist) Milton Himmelfarb calls a positive balance of trade."

Silberman makes another point. The growing acceptance of intermarriage makes it much easier for mixed-married couples (where one partner does not convert) to be integrated into the Jewish community and thus to identify themselves as Jews.

Anti-semitism is far from dead in the U.S. A sizeable minority of Americans simply does not like Jews and probably never will. But Silberman is sanguine that their attitudes cannot spill over into the American body politic. In the U.S., he writes, anti-semitism has never been an instrument of government or church policy. Powerful forces, he says, confine anti-Jewish attitudes to the private domain. In his view, "a genuinely multi-ethnic, multi-religious society, such as the United States has become in the last quarter century, cannot permit anti-semitism to intrude into public life."

Citing Gallup polls, Silberman says that personal anti-semitism is on the wane. In 1940, 63% of Americans spoke of "objectionable (Jewish) traits." By 1981, 81% of the respondents had favorable opinions about Jews. He offers an array of convincing reasons for this change.

Yet, for all the advances, the so-called "5 o'clock shadow" still governs social relations between Jews and non-Jews, Silberman concedes. Jews and Gentiles may mix during the working day. But, in general, they go their separate ways when the day is done.

In summing up, Silberman claims that Jews are secure enough in America. But if there is a danger, he warns, it comes from the "parochialism" that leads communal leaders all over the U.S. to focus exclusively on Jewish concerns.

"Exclusive preoccupation with Israel, or with a narrowly defined Jewish agenda, constitutes a kind of self-ghettoization of Jewish public life, one that runs a real risk of sacrificing long-term support for short-term gains," he notes. What Silberman is saying is that Jews, in opting for a provincial outlook, risk losing their considerable political influence. Unfortunately, he does not explain. Does he mean that there is a correlation between the wellbeing of Jews and the political clout they wield? If so, how secure are they really in America?

Silberman, in A Certain People, does not usually leave such gaping holes in his otherwise well-reasoned arguments. Indeed, he has a firm grasp of facts and an exemplary command of language. But a reader cannot but wonder about his book's ultimate verisimilitude when such a vital question is left hanging in midair.

... but few tea parties for hockey pucks

There's a lovable doll for boys

By
ELAINE KAHN

There was a girl, about 2 years old, crying ceaselessly, in front of me at the department store checkout desk. With her were her mother, another woman and a baby in a stroller. Why she was bawling was not apparent to me and neither woman bothered to ask and wait for an answer.

The first thing I heard either woman say to this toddler was "What's-wrong-with-you-do-you-want-to-make-the-baby-cry?" Then she was told "big girls don't cry." After which the two women looked at each other and sang a bar from the song of the same name.

Finally, as she grabbed for a toy her mother was buying (one of the superhero figures currently the rage) she was told, "What do you want that for? You're not supposed to want toys like that — you're a girl and supposed to play with dolls."

Guilt, emotional suppression and sexism in one easy lesson. Hardly child abuse, yet I couldn't help feeling sorry for the child. And very frustrated that in the one area of my concern that could be considered part of the public domain — the sexism — so little "feminist consciousness" had filtered through to these women.

Ironically I was in the store buying booties for my new nephew, carefully avoiding pink ones because my sister, like most women I know, feminist or not, still cares about distinctions like that.

Obviously without consulting those two women in the store, the Hasbro toy company this year decided to produce a lovable doll specifically for boys. After all, if most typical vulnerable knee-jerk liberal jargon-ridden psychologically correct pinko consumerist feminist parents like my husband and I really believe there is nothing wrong with boys cuddling dolls, then someone might as well make a killing on it.

It's enough to make you a convert to the cabbage patch which, if not beautiful, is at least egalitarian.

Some psychologists claim that many men grow up less articulate and affectionate than most women because they never had the chance to play-act real-life situations with dolls. It has been scientifically proven that few boys have tea parties for their hockey pucks, spank their footballs, or teach pig Latin to their chemistry sets.

I understood when toy companies in North America finally opened their eyes — and cash registers — to multiculturalism and began producing Black dolls and Oriental ones and brown ones. Until then I'm sure it was even odder for children of color to be surrounded with lily-white playthings than it was for most Jewish children, noses yet unlifted, hair still unbleached, to dream of turning into Barbie and Ken.

Perhaps the idea that dolls need to reflect the identity of the doll owner is behind this new boy doll for boys. Perhaps Hasbro really is a closet corporate feminist and, in the (inevitable) line of accessories for the doll, will feature tea sets right beside baseball bats. Perhaps the Mashiach will arrive by GO-train from Oshawa.

My beautiful nephew is a month old for Chanukah. We bought him books.

Opinion

Act of national heroism

Non-religious Bundists died to save Torahs

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Senior members of the honorable community of avid readers of this privileged corner know, of course, of my unhappiness with the frequency of this paper's appearance. Once a week is just not enough for my needs.

J.B. Salsberg

Jewish and world events, that have a direct as well as indirect bearing on our personal and collective needs, descend upon us in bewildering rapidity. Most of such developments call for comment, observation and wise counsel from this corner's inexhaustible fount of wisdom.

But how can one discharge one's duties and responsibilities to Jewry and the world at large if one is restricted to a once-a-week schedule?

One can't. Consequently, one bears the burden of guilt on one's shoulders.

In these circumstances the least one can do is to make the briefest of references to the most persistent items that clamor for attention. So here are a few such clamoring topics.

When Bundists risked their lives to save Torahs: The Bund, the major organization of Jewish working men and women of Eastern Europe, was formed in the year 1897, the same year that also saw the organizational birth of the political Zionist movement.

That was no coincidence. Both streams, and the Labor Zionist sector that emerged soon thereafter, arose as a result of European Jewry's desperate need for solutions to their agonizing problems (pogroms, persecutions, discriminations of every kind and poverty).

Three years ago, when the survivors of the Bund organization celebrated the 85th anniversary of that historic body, I had determined to deal objectively with the role of that once prestigious political force in Jewish life. But, alas and alack, I failed to do so.

Current affairs somehow always gained priority of attention. I herewith publicly pledge to make amends in the near future. In the meantime, I cannot resist the urge to share with you a very meaningful episode of the Bund's heroism during the Holocaust that I was reminded of in recent weeks by both a religious and a secular Yiddish periodical.

The Bund, it should be acknowledged, was a secular, a non-religious mass movement. Some even maintained that the Bund was militantly anti-religious. If so, then the dramatically-heroic act of the Bund in the Polish city of Pietrokov, when the Hitler murderers occupied that city, rises to the highest levels of national heroism and self-sacrifice.

It was in those dark and bitter days, when the Hitler hordes entered the historic city of Pietrokov, that the enemy dispatched a military unit to the most important synagogue in that city.

In accordance with their pre-meditated evil plans, the large number of Torahs that were treasured in the synagogue's ark were removed and, after removing the valuable decorations, they threw the Torahs in the mud in front of the house of worship.

To intimidate and demoralize the Jewish population, the monstrous occupants placed a 24-hour guard in front of the shul to prevent the rescuing of the desecrated Torahs.

For a few days the desecration continued. No one dared to act. No one, except the reputed non-religious members of the Pietrokov Bund organization.

According to the evidence of survivors, the Bundists formed a unit to save the mud-splattered Torahs as an act of national pride and national resistance.

One night they overpowered the military guard, removed the Torahs and hid them in the local Jewish cemetery.

According to one survivor's statement the heroic Bundists who participated in this brave action were later caught by the Hitlerites and were executed.

I felt moved to relate this unique act of heroism by the so-called, non-religious members of the Bund. I do it as a tribute to those brave, those self-sacrificing, those proud and dedicated Jews of the non-religious sector of the Bund, who died rather than allow the continued desecration of the universally accepted historic symbol of Jewish identity. It was an act of national heroism on their part, for which they paid with their lives. Glory to their memory! (The Holocaust literature knows of many similar records.)

Sorry, my friends, but it took longer and it occupied more space than intended to fulfil my irrepressible urge to relate this heroically-tragic episode that has only recently come to my attention. But the limitation that this column's space-frame places upon me makes it impossible to do justice to another experience that I planned to share with you. Sorry. I hope to return to that one at an early opportunity.

Or, Mr. Editor, would you consider issuing this paper more than once a week? Why not?

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PS: The editor has just reminded me that this is the Chanukah edition — a time when we pay tribute to another band of heros in Jewish history. Here's wishing all of you a happy, festive Chanukah.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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THE SALAMI CAPER

In your story on Ontario's consumer affairs minister Monte Kwinter taking a salami on a trade mission to Israel (CJN Nov. 14) you omitted to state that the salami in question was not kosher. Wouldn't you think that our beloved Land of Israel has enough problems of keeping the land kosher without us Canadian Jews adding more fuel to the fire. Or perhaps unknown to me Kwinter's salami has now obtained a kashruth certificate from Canadian Jewish Congress.

I shudder at your poor taste in running this story.

Irene Klein
Toronto

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FOR BETTER OR WURST

The salami affair involving Consumer Affairs Minister Monte Kwinter is in my view a poor quality beef against one of the hardest working members of the Legislature. I am certain that Premier David Peterson will keep him in the cabinet for better or for wurst.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

Editor's comment: For those readers who are unaware of the situation, The CJN story on Mr. Kwinter's trip to Israel with a salami brought criticism of the minister from an opposition member of the Ontario Legislature. Hence . . . "the salami affair."

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"PEDANTIC SCHOLARSHIP"

I have just seen the article by Elaine Kahn (CJN Nov. 7) on Elspeth Cameron's biography of Irving Layton. Ms Kahn takes pains to point out that she is not a "Jewish scholar" and then proceeds to demonstrate the justice of her comment with the worst kind of pedantic scholarship by nitpicking over the transliteration or precise translation of Yiddish words. Perhaps Elspeth Cameron should simply be praised for trying to catch Layton's flavor by using Yiddish terms — and for checking them (as she notes in her preface) with an expert at the University of Toronto.

But the central point in Kahn's piece is her comment about Layton's suggestion that as a WASP Cameron cannot write about a Jew. "That," Kahn says, "is, of course, baloney. Except, perhaps, in this case."

This is the critical point in the controversy occasioned by Cameron's book. Layton has trumpeted this libel and his foolish friends have added their bleatings. On CBC's Morningside, Robert Fulford responded to one such assault by asking a Jewish poet if that meant that he could no longer comment on French poetry. Does it mean that I, as a historian of Canada, can no longer write about John Diefenbaker or Lester Pearson and that I must confine myself to Robert Kaplan and Herb Gray?

It is long past time in this controversy for a few sensible people to hit this scandalous form of reverse racism directly between the eyes. Ms Kahn had the opportunity to do so, but instead chose to add to the furors. Shame on her and on Layton and his friends for their appalling lack of sense.

Prof. J. L. Granatstein
Toronto

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GIFT FOR YAD VASHEM

In the Oct. 17 issue you had an article about Yad Vashem and their need to launch a fund raising drive.

I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund. Who do I contact, or how do I get information about this?

Alan A. Brown
Windsor, Ont.

Editor's note: Write directly to Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, attention Yitzhak Arad, the director.

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SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL AT STAKE

I am a longtime subscriber to CJN and have often given subscriptions to friends and relatives as gifts. Of late, I am questioning the wisdom to do so or even to read your publication.

There are very few papers serving the Canadian Jewish community and being informed about our people here and abroad is very important, and you do that. When a political incident comes to the fore, CJN comes to the defence of our people, as you must. And yet, your paper does nothing when our spiritual survival is at stake. In fact, your paper contributes to it negatively.

The Canadian Jewish News ought to serve the Jewish people not only in the political and social fields, but in the religious area as well. I don't have to pick up a copy of The CJN to find out all the non-kosher restaurants a Jew may patronize. When these ads go on for pages, I become upset. That a Jewish paper should endorse such places is incredulous, and endorse you do! CJN should assume responsibility for kashrut ads. Not to do so is irresponsible.

I understand that most newspapers require the revenue that ads provide if they are to survive, but we, as a people also need to survive. We are constantly bombarded by ads, some quite openly anti-Jewish. It is morally wrong for The CJN to contribute, even indirectly, in tearing at the moral fabric of our people. We don't need this from Jews.

(If) it is a question of economics, I am sure the Jewish community would gladly contribute towards a Jewish paper. I, for one, would be ready to pay twice or even four times the current subscription rate, if required.

I hope you will accept these criticisms from a fellow Jew concerned about our people, as I am sure all of you at the paper are. We need to strengthen the bonds that unite us. The threat may not always be clearcut and it is not always political. We have survived because we have maintained our Jewishness, our faith. We court disaster if we continue to chip at it. Some one must take responsibility. Why not the Jewish paper that serves the Jewish community?

Joseph Botbol
Toronto

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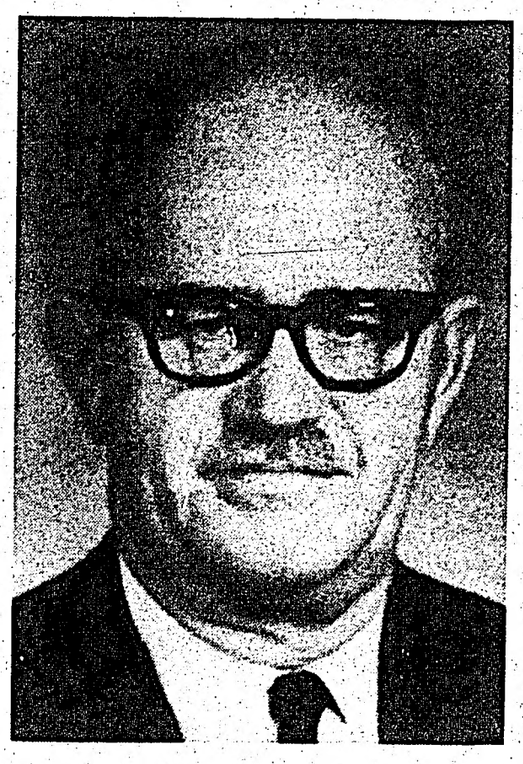

Chaplain Samuel Cass

WANTS TO CONTACT LIBERATORS

Ever since I was a small child, my late father, Heinz Mayer, used to tell me about the wonderful Canadian soldiers who liberated him and all the people of Tilburg, Netherlands. He told me of having services with their rabbi (chaplain) in the Tilburg synagogue.

On a recent trip back to my home town of Tilburg, my father's cousin, Julius Mayer, showed me a copy of the Canadian Jewish Army Prayer Book which had been given to him and autographed by some of the Jewish soldiers in Tilburg from October 1944 to January/February 1945. It also had their address from that time.

Through a friend, I discovered that one of the soldires, Rabbi (chaplain) Samuel Cass, passed away 10 years ago. I know it has been 41 years but I'm just wondering if anyone can help me to discover any of these other soldiers who helped to save my father and his family's lives.

Enclosed is a list of the names and 1945 address of the soldiers from the prayer book.

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Here's the list as provided by Mrs. Shapiro: Lieut. Jack E. Miller, 1094 St. Viateur Ave. W., Outremont, Que.; Rabbi Samuel Cass (deceased 1975), 3454 Stanley St. No. 8, Montreal; Capt. H. Shapiro, 429 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto; Capt. Sol Malkin, 140 Machray Ave., Winnipeg; David Tomarkin, 2792 Willowdale Ave., Montreal; P. Comisaroin, 10219-119 St., Edmonton.

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MIXED FEELINGS

Having seen the play Ghetto in the Toronto Workshop Theatre I have mixed feelings about it which I can't sort out yet.

At the end of the play half of the audience gave a standing ovation, the other half sat in silence, including me. I was so shocked that I couldn't even clap. Not because the actors and actresses didn't deserve it, they put on a marvelous performance, but because I was so stunned about the content of the play.

It happened in Vilna, the so-called Jerusalem of Lithuania. The Israeli playwriter, Joshua Sobol, dared to touch a very sensitive and before unmentionable subject — the Jewish collaborators and their struggle to survive.

The theatre was packed. Not only with older but with many young people as well. Next to me sat two young girls from a college taking notes for a project. One asked me if I was offended by the play. Later I couldn't hold back my tears as I quietly sobbed, and the same young girl offered me a tissue to wipe my tears.

I was in the Budapest ghetto for a few months only and I can understand that of those who lived many long years in the ghettos of Warsaw and Vilna it was very possible that some collaborated with the enemy in order to save or prolong their lives. However, in my opinion to demonstrate it to the world which is full of Zundels and Keegstras, also to the young people, was an error. They, who never experienced any of those horrors, would never understand the human weakness in those collaborators.

Ibolya Grossman
Downsview, Ont.

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PRAISE FOR PAUL

Thanks for the coverage extended to the luncheon session of the Association of Jewish Vocational Service Professionals Conference. Paul Lungen's report was accurate and fully covered the highlights of the session. Please pass along my appreciation to him.

Milton Friedman
Toronto

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. . . AND FOR CYNTHIA

Cynthia Gasner recently did a story on our company Arrival Assist Inc. and did a fantastic job in accurately using the information given her. We certainly appreciate your help in letting people know of our existence, and we're using her story to send to prospective clients. Cynthia should be commended for her good work.

Terry McConville
Toronto

World-National

Kwinter trade mission successful

Ontario businessmen see potential in Israel

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

(One of a series of two articles on "How Canadians can make money doing business with Israel")

Monte's Flying Circus is back in Canada now.

And the dozen "missionaries" who participated in it unanimously report they're happy with the results of their wheelings and dealings in the Holy Land.

Monte is Monte Kwinter, Ontario's minister of consumer and commercial relations.

In his own droll phrase, the Jewish cabinet minister was ringmaster of the flying circus of Ontario entrepreneurs who recently flew via El Al on a 2-week trade mission to explore the possibility of joint business ventures with Israelis.

No contracts are known to have been signed yet. But Monte's missionaries all agree with their leader that their mission was successfully accomplished.

"Our potential for doing business with Israel now looks very promising," says John J. MacKay, president of Nyab Vicom of Kingston, Ont., who represents a consortium of Canadian companies dealing in aviation and military high-tech equipment. "We're negotiating what looks like a very hot deal."

His enthusiasm is shared by David Kraftchuk, president of Polar Appliances Limited, a $4 million-a-year export-import trading company in Concord, Ont.

"As a result of the mission, we're firming up a joint trade venture with an Israeli company to collaborate on a mutually profitable export deal in the Far East," Kraftchuk told The CJN last week.

"We got our feet wet in learning how to deal with the Israelis," he added. "We made valuable contacts. And the expertise we gained is worth a lot of money."

The Canadians were concerted in praising two Toronto-based officials who organized the trade mission and arranged in advance their appointments with businessmen in Israel. The hard-working pair of coordinators were: Gabriel Regev, executive director of the 300-member Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry (phone 416-961-7302); and George Kurys, international marketing consultant for the Ontario ministry of industry, trade and technology (416-965-9711).

The Canadians likewise appreciated the guidance generously offered by the various experts they met in Israel.

Here are do and don't tips and pointers gleaned by this reporter, who accompanied the trade mission:

Some of the most practical advice was provided by a 55-year-old former Canadian named Israel Kelman, who recently returned to Tel Aviv after making a cross-Canada economic survey.

The son of Rabbi Joseph Kelman, who launched the first synagogue in St. John's, Nfld., he is now the executive publisher of The Israel Economist, which also publishes 80 publications for Israeli institutions ranging from Technion University to the Hilton and Dan hotels.

"By and large, I'd advise Canadians to do business with a small or middling-size Israeli company, which isn't satiated with its won success and is seeking new markets and venture capital," he says. "You'll be calling the tune, whereas with the big conglomerates, you'll be at their mercy."

He estimates there are about 200 to 250 Israeli companies in the high-tech field, grossing from $250,000 to $20 million a year, which are a particularly fertile source for Canadian investment.

"They could be potentially profitable," he says, "if you undertook to serve as their representative in North America, to participate in a joint venture with them, and especially if you helped them out with capital."

On the other hand, he strongly advises Canadians *not* to come to Israel, cap in hand, expecting venture capital from Israelis. "I can count on the fingers of one hand the number of Israeli companies ready to risk substantial capital on a new venture," he says.

Yair Ofek, former Toronto-based Israel trade commissioner to Canada, in his new Tel Aviv-based post with the Israel Export Institute, offers hospitality and guidance to Canadian investors. [Frank Rasky photo]

He suggests that Canadians invest in Israeli companies that have already been provided with what he calls *rebbe geli*.

"It's a Yiddish phrase that means initial money for learning," he says. "In other words, you'd be smarter putting your money in a company here that's gone through the learning and growing stages for three or four years in its special field with somebody else having spent the preliminary *rebbe gelt*."

He sums up his advice to Canadian investors with two words: "Bring money."

But to succeed, joint trade ventures must offer a 2-way street to joint profits. And so Rami Gutt, general director of the government-backed Israel Export Institute, suggests a number of assets designed to attract Canadian entrepreneurs:

- English is a true second language spoken in the Israeli marketplace, and a growing number of Israelis from North Africa also are fluent in French.
- Israelis can offer a joint venture their considerable experience in trading with European markets as well as the trade agreement they signed last September with the U.S., which eliminates customs duties between the two countries.
- Canadians investing in Israeli industries profit from a host of government benefits, including "an approved project status" that provides a tax holiday for seven years and a variety of grants.
- Israeli brainpower, its key national resource, has helped world-class high-tech know-how in export areas particularly adaptive for the Canadian market — most notably in medical equipment, electronics, computer software and aviation communication.

Gutt's No. 1 tip to Canadian entrepreneurs is this: "It's obligatory that you hire a local accountant or lawyer as your Israeli agent. But it's equally advisable that you don't hire a relative to serve as your representative merely because he's related to you and hence is trustworthy."

Yair Ofek, who recently completed his 4-year mission in Toronto as Israel trade commissioner to Canada and is now director of the Israel Export Institute's consumer goods division, underlines that point.

"Agenting based on *mishpocha* connections has proved to be disastrous," said Ofek. "Remember, your Uncle Abe may be absolutely trustworthy when it comes to shekels, but as a middleman he may be absolutely lousy."

Ofek suggests you hire a representative who can be objective about Israeli business, knows the players, is familiar with the language, and is in tune with the Israeli lifestyle.

"Remember, Israelis are not Canadians," says Ofek. "Our temperament is different. We're Mediterranean rather than European. And we're the opposite of such Asians as the Japanese, who do business over endless cups of tea and oodles of politeness.

"We're blunt, direct, straightforward. Right to the point. And out of necessity, to survive, we've had to be aggressive, imaginative, inventive, the ultimate in international traders."

What's the first step you ought to take if you want to do business with Israel?

Ofek says he can't stress often enough that Canadians do the obvious — namely, get in touch with the Israeli who has taken over his trade commissioner's post in Toronto, Udi Sheintal, at 416-961-1242, and he'll advise you exactly how to go on from there.

Teitelbaum to Federal Court

MONTREAL —

Max Teitelbaum was sworn in last week as a judge of the Federal Court of Canada, trial division, making him the first Jew appointed to that court.

The swearing in took place at the Palais de Justice in Montreal, rather than in Ottawa where the ceremony is normally held.

Teitelbaum, 53, a Queen's Counsel and previously a partner in the law firm of Shenker & Teitelbaum, will be based in Ottawa. The appointment also makes him an ex-officio member of the Federal Court's appeal division, and a member of the Court Martial Court.

His mandate extends to holding trials across Canada on cases within federal jurisdiction, such as those related to taxation, marine and air law, communications, unemployment insurance, immigration appeals and those against Crown corporations.

Teitelbaum was honorary legal counsel of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, and is a former board member of Congregation Beth Ora in St. Laurent.

Max Teitelbaum

He received his degree in civil law from McGill University and was admitted to the Bar of Quebec in 1958. He is a member of both the Quebec and Canadian Bar Associations.

His other community activities have included serving as a director of Bellechasse Hospital, a founding member of the Associates of Sir George Williams University, and participant in municipal affairs in St. Laurent.

He and wife Edith have three children, Dr. Jeanne Teitelbaum, Reisa Teitelbaum and Zeeva Mizrachi.

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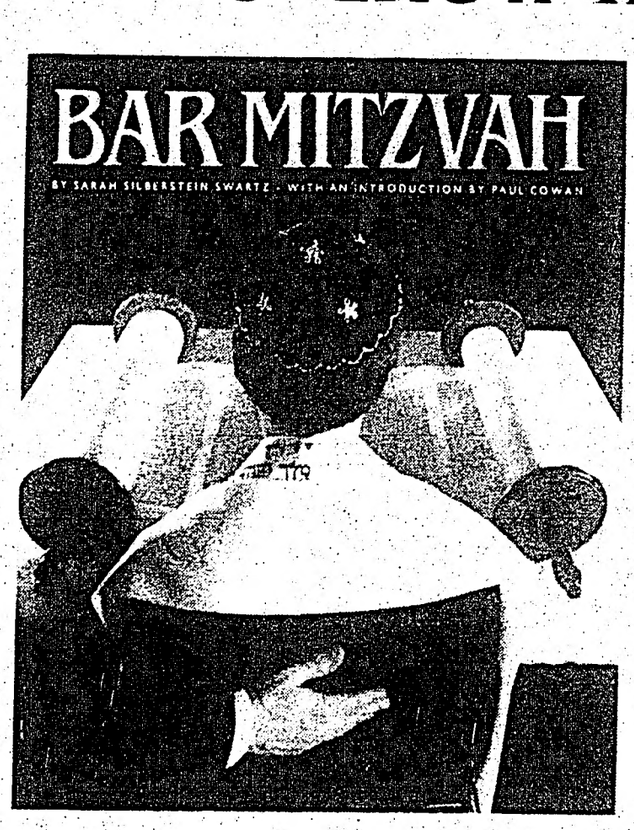

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Ottawa hopes to double ethnic postings—Jelinek

OTTAWA —

Multiculturalism Minister Otto Jelinek said recently the government would try to double the proportion of members of ethnocultural minorities it appoints to federal boards and commissions over the next 12 months.

Jelinek was speaking to the annual general meeting of the Canadian Multiculturalism Council (CMC).

"Over half of all small businesses in Canada are run by members of ethnocultural communities. Obviously, we must work harder in multiculturalism to make Canadians in general more aware of their contribution and provide support that could encourage an even greater development in this area," Jelinek said.

"I am planing a major conference for the spring of 1986 which is designed to achieve this objective," the minister added.

"Legislation introduced by the minister of employment and immigration (Flora MacDonald) requires that federally regulated businesses of more than 100 employees must introduce a fair employment program to ensure equal opportunity for members of visible minorities, as well as for women, native people, and disabled persons," Jelinek said.

"They will be required to report annually on their progress towards the approved goals. Firms looking for substantial government contracts must make a similar commitment."

Another change the government is making to ensure that political institutions are fair and accessible to all Canadians concerns the composition of various boards and commissions entrusted with the management of regulation of public business and whose members are appointed by order-in-council, said Jelinek.

"If these organizations are to operate fairly — and if they are to be seen to operate fairly — I believe they should reflect a reasonable cross-section of the Canadian population. That has not always been the case and we have begun to take steps to correct that inequity.

During the past 12 months the government has named more members of ethnocultural minorities to appointed positions than any previous government has done in a comparable period, Jelinek said.

"The proportion of ethnocultural people on the various boards and commissions now stands at 10%. The Prime Minister has agreed that our goal for the next 12 months will be to double that proportion.

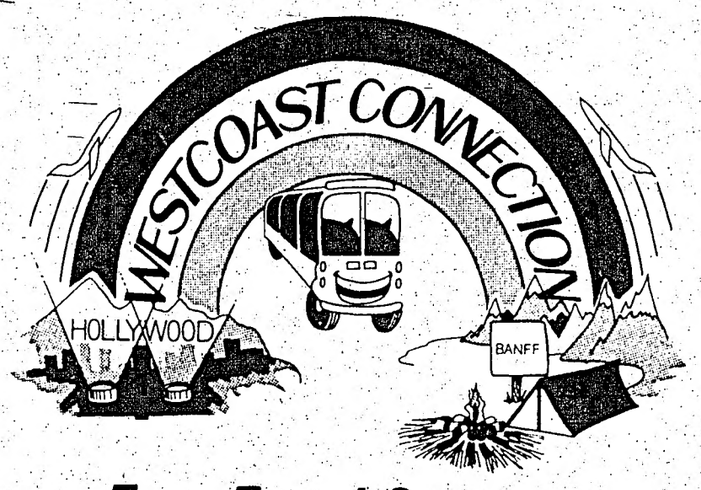
"However, speaking for myself, I will not be satisfied until the proportion of ethnocultural minorities on all appointed boards and commissions reaches 30% — the same proportion in which members of the minority groups occur in the general population.

"By the same principle, one half of the members should be women," he said.

"There are other measures that we can employ, with your support, to help bring about necessary changes in other jurisdictions.

"For example, we have already been discussing with municipal leaders the effectiveness of race-relations committees, and, with police chiefs, the advantages of special training in dealing with the issues that arise in multicultural and multiracial urban communities," the minister said.

Jelinek concluded by saying that "multiculturalism encompasses all aspects of our lives. It has to do with jobs and rights, as well as cultural retention. It must become both a social and economic reality."



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Winter Escape to Israel, a 2-week program for adults aged 25-35 arranged by the Israel Youth Program Centre of the Canadian Zionist Federation, will be departing Dec. 23 from Montreal's Mirabel Airport.

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A highlight of the stay will be a thought-provoking session with a leading Israeli professor on the analysis of media and propaganda.

Rounding out the package will be a 3-day trip to Eilat, Israel's Red Sea resort. The tour will fly to Eilat and back, saving many hours of travel time and enabling participants to take advantage of extra hours by the sea.

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Library announces book competition

MONTREAL —

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Authors, or their publishers, are requested to submit two copies of their work by March 31. A prize of $1,000 will be awarded for the best book. The winner will be announced at a public presentation of awards next fall.

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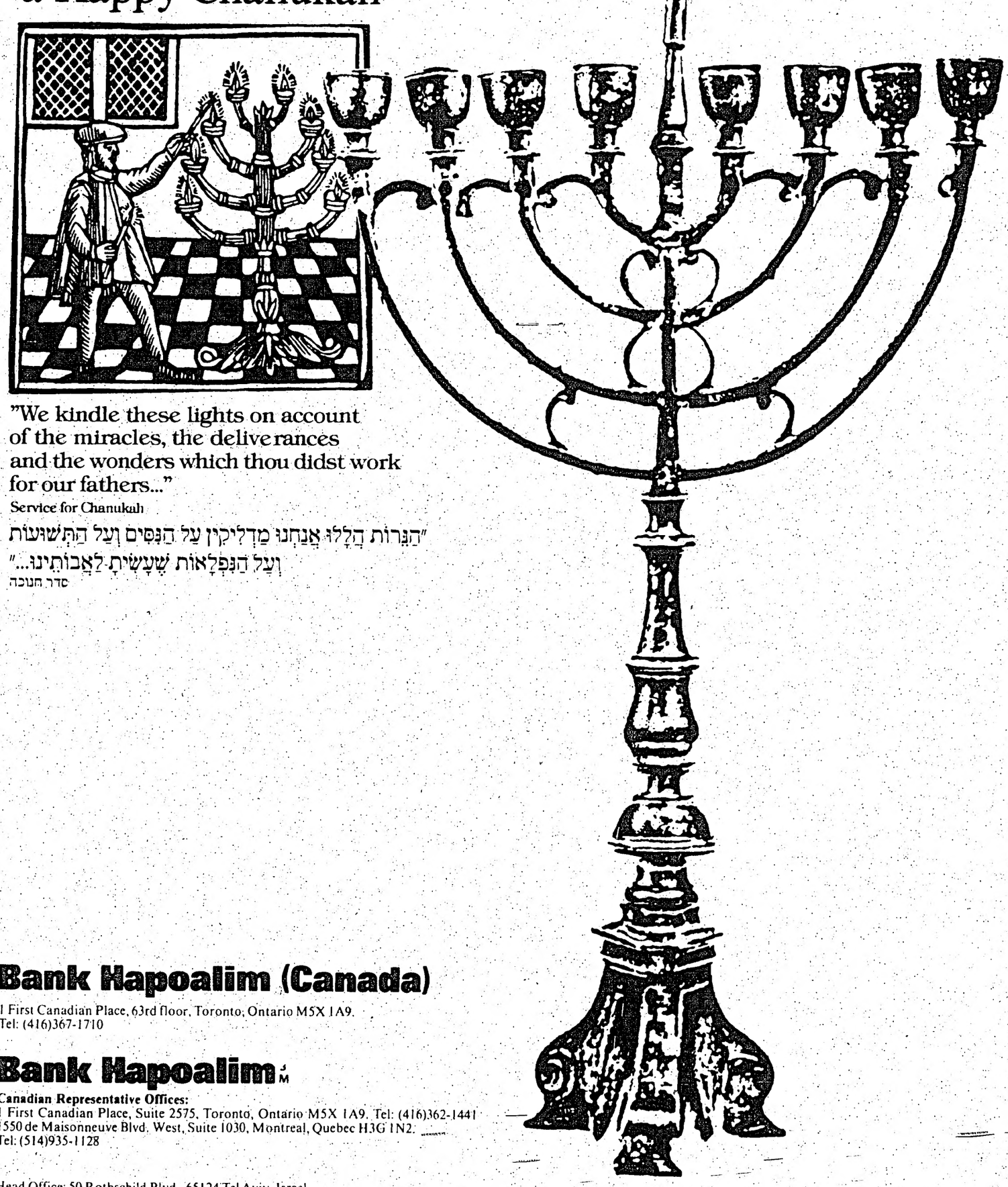

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Carter advisor defends ex-President on Israel

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The American Jewish community was wrong to think former United States President Jimmy Carter was in any way anti-Israel or wavering in his support of the Jews, states the Jewish New York lawyer who says he was a secret, unpaid advisor to Carter during the Camp David negotiations.

"Most of the fears of American Jews were based on misconceptions as to how Carter's Southern Baptist religion would affect his presidency," says Leon Charney, the author of the recently published Special Counsel. The book purports to tell for the first time Charney's role in acting as an intermediary between the White House and Jerusalem during the negotiations leading to the signing of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty in 1979.

Leon Charney

Charney was in Montreal recently to speak at three separate events during Jewish Book Month. Special Counsel, published by Philosophical Library of New York last year, is now available in Canada.

Though there were many Jews in his office, Carter did not surround himself with Jews, as some former American national leaders did, just for the impression it made, says Charney. Carter was really not aware or concerned about the religion of his staff, according to Charney. As an example, Charney recalled how Carter, upon being told that his media counselor Gerry Rafshoon was getting a divorce, replied "That's not a Christian thing to do."

Rafshoon had to inform Carter that he was Jewish.

A little known fact about Carter's "consistent and immediate response to Jewish needs" was his intervention on behalf of the Iranian Jewish community during the worst days of Khomeini's reign of terror. Charney says Carter personally interceded when a number of prominent Iranian Jews were sentenced to be executed for their association with Zionism.

Relations were obviously too bad for Carter to approach the Iranian authorities directly. Carter telephoned the Pope and French President Giscard d'Estaing to ask them to plead with Khomeini to end the persecution of the Jewish community in Iran and to annul the executions.

Charney reports that, during the 1980 election campaign, Carter turned down a very tempting opportunity of assistance in freeing the American hostages in Iran if the U.S. recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Also not widely known, says Charney, is the extent to which Carter went to aid the hundreds of Soviet Jews detained in a transit camp in Italy, waiting for their immigration papers for entry into the U.S. to be processed. Charney says Carter gave orders to Attorney General-Griffin Bell to expedite official procedures. In addition, the Carter administration set up a $20 million assistance program for the Soviet Jewish emigres.

Charney notes that during one year alone of Carter's presidency more than 50,000 Jews got out of the Soviet Union, far more than thus far in Ronald Reagan's time as president.

Another ignored aspect of the Carter administration that has been largely ignored is its firm opposition to the Arab boycott of Jewish businessmen. Charney believes the anti-boycott legislation would not have been enacted in the form it was had Carter not been President.

Charney's admiration for Carter is apparently mutual. As the front cover of Special Counsel notes, Carter considers Charney "one of the unsung heroes of the peace process" and that "very few people played as significant a role."

Charney, 46, who today concentrates on his law practice and financial interests, became involved in the Camp David peace process because of an earlier business association, which developed into a friendship, with former Israel defence minister Ezer Weizman, whom he first met on a flight to Israel. Charney negotiated rights for Weizman's book On Eagles' Wings.

Charney also was a friend of White House counsel Robert Lipshutz, one of Carter's closest aides. Charney says that it was at Lipshutz's recommendation that he became a consultant to the President's office on Middle East affairs.

Channels kept open

His job was to "keep the channels open" in the year leading up to the signing of the peace treaty. Charney says he met privately with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Dec., 1978, when relations between the U.S. and Israel were strained as a result of a deadlock in peace talks.

Charney, who made his fortune early in his career as a show business attorney, says he had "direct access to the corridors of power in Washington and Jerusalem that few people in the history of Israel-American relations have ever had."

Charney believes he was one of the most important, behind-the-scenes figures in the delicate Camp David negotiations. During the 16 months between Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's historical arrival in Jerusalem in November, 1977, and the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty in Washington in March, 1979, Charney says he traveled as a private citizen at his own expense ($100,000, he estimates), shuttling back and forth between Israel and the U.S. as the "back-door conduit conveying insights and impressions from both camps."

Special Counsel quotes Carter as having said Charney "had avenues of friendship and communication with the Middle East that Secretary of State (Cyrus) Vance or (national security advisor Zbigniew) Brzezinski could not have had." Weizman is also laudatory of Charney's role in the book.

Charney says he was in Jerusalem during the days when the final details of the treaty were being hammered out and ran between the King David Hotel where Carter was staying and the Jerusalem Hilton where Weizman was based.

Charney, a Yeshiva University graduate who is also a cantor, is adamant in his opinion that Carter was misunderstood by the American Jewish community. "For me Carter remains one of the brightest, most sincere and most responsive men who has ever been leader of the U.S. I am convinced that my fellow American Jews will eventually swing round to my viewpoint. After all, the facts are there."

Charney says he has not written Special Counsel to make money. All profits, he stressed, will go to wounded Israeli war veterans.

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Heads Canadian Advisory Council on Status of Women

Gold seeks to improve conditions for women

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

If there's one thing Sylvia Gold is certain about, it's that conditions must to be improved for woman in all segments of society and, as the new head of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, she wants to do her part to ensure it happens.

As the new president of the Ottawa based council, Gold told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview that while the council has been successful in the past in advising government on women's issues, she would like to see the council more involved in helping to develop policies as well.

"We do take on the role of examining legislation when it's brought before Parliament and will continue to do so," said Gold, a former elementary and high school teacher who has been involved in the fight for women's rights for many years.

Gold became executive assistant to the Montreal Teachers Association in 1971 and was director of professional development services for the Canadian Teachers Federation from 1975 to 1985.

"It would be very helpful if we could advise in the earlier development stages of these policies as to what their particular effect on women might be and the kinds of areas we would like to see included in policy statements as they are developed," the bilingual Torontonian added.

Despite being on the job for only nine months, Gold appears to have adapted to her demanding schedule which takes her across the country meeting with interested parties and confering with bureaucrats and politicians.

"It hasn't affected my personal life in a negative way, but sometimes, on the weekends, you just want to be yourself and put on an old pair of jeans and walk around the market."

Appearing poised and relaxed after just one such busy day, Gold said that there must be more attention paid to issues that affect the economic and social wellbeing of women.

"We are now looking at what people are refering to what is termed the feminization of poverty — which is kind of a frightening prospect where more and more women are finding they cannot get part time jobs, where they're having difficulty reentering the labor market and are still meeting a lot of resistance in their attempt to move up the career ladder."

Concerning the latter issue, Gold stressed the importance of affirmative action programs to ensure the best people are hired for jobs. By doing so, she said, corporations benefit from the "better use of resources."

She pointed out that while there was some initial resistance to affirmative action programs in the United States, the experience with such programs has generally been positive.

"An affirmative action program incorporates training and assumes people will be put into jobs only if they are qualified," Gold explained.

"What has happened in the past though is that qualified women have been rejected. What has also happened is that where training programs are available women have not been permitted to the extent that their numbers would warrant. Therefore they do not have the opportunity to train themselves or improve their qualifications so they could take jobs higher up in the system."

Similarly, she cited the need for equal pay for work of equal value legislation in all sectors. While generally pleased with the federal government's equity legislation, which is currently in its second reading in Parliament, Gold expressed concern about the lack of an enforcement mechanism. She said such legislation will need some teeth to make it effective.

Gold said that while the federal government has initiated some legislation which has attracted the council's interest, it is still too early to evaluate its performance.

"I'd like to reserve judgment until December to see just what they do with their legislation because if none of it goes through, then what will we have accomplished in this first year?"

One area which the advisory council is watching closely is the Fraser Commission on pornography and prostitution. While concerned about some of the specific recommendations, Gold praised the report for providing valuable information, saying that the council agrees with its thrust.

"We would certainly agree with the Fraser committee when they say that prostitution essentially is an economic issue and that if society could offer alternatives to those women, such as job training and educational opportunities, that many of those women could be encouraged to move out of prostitution."

Sylvia Gold

As well as advising government on issues of concern to women, Gold said the Advisory Council on the Status of Women speaks to the public on issues concering women and regularly meets with women's groups.

This past July, Gold met with women's groups from around the world when she attended the United Nations End of the Decade of Women Conference in Nairobi.

Evaluating the conference from her perspective as a feminist, Gold claimed it was a success as women from around the world met and "shared with each other on a very egalitarian basis."

She said that despite political differences, a statement of principles, Forward Looking Stategies Towards the Year 2000, was adopted for the first time. At the mid-decade conference in Copenhagen in 1980, Zionism was listed among the obstacles to achieving the decade's goals. However at the Nairobi conference the word Zionism was dropped "and all other forms of racism" was added.

"My feeling was the governments almost had no option but to accept it," Gold said. "It would have been really impossible for any of them, including the Canadian government, to go back home and say to Canadian women again that we are not signatories to this document.

"It's about time governments take an honest and sincere interest in women's issues and don't allow themselves to be dissuaded from doing so by other issues," she added.

Gold said the document includes 370 paragraphs which enunciate principles relating to women, such as education, health, employment opportunities and peace.

"They're important to us in Canada because we now understand what our government has committed itself to and we can begin to negotiate improvements in our own quality of life in all spheres with the additional support of those principles."

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Herbert Levy

Herbert Levy dies— served BB for 40 years

TORONTO —

Herbert Levy, honorary executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada, has died after a long and distinguished career in Jewish affairs and public service in the United States and Canada.

Born in Brooklyn, Levy served as a lieutenant in the United States army and commanded a Civilian Conservation Corps camp during the Roosevelt administration. Thereafter he managed several motion picture theatres.

His B'nai B'rith career spanned 40 years including a period as executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada. He joined B'nai B'rith in 1944, initially serving as program director with responsibilities for lodges in Canada, New England and the state of New York.

In 1960, he was designated national program director in Washington. In 1966, he moved to Philadelphia to become executive vice-president for District 3, and in 1968 moved to Toronto to become executive vice-president in Canada. Shortly after coming to Toronto, he became a Canadian citizen.

The scope of Levy's varied responsibilities throughout his career included speaking tours, fact-finding missions and international refugee assistance. These ranged from traveling to the deep South during the race relations crisis, to visits to the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Arab refugee camps in Jordan, programming an airlift of medicine to Biafra and Nigeria during the civil war, and assisting Jews from Chile and the Soviet Union to immigrate.

He also served as a commissioner with the Anti-Defamation League and was active on several committees of that international organization.

Upon his retirement from professional service with B'nai B'rith, he was appointed a Citizenship Court judge in 1978. When the Police Complaint Board was established by the Ontario government, Levy was appointed to the board on the recommendation of the attorney-general and Metropolitan Toronto Council.

At the time of his death, Levy was chairman of international affairs of B'nai B'rith Canada, and in that capacity had led missions to Lebanon, Ethiopia and Spain. His unfulfilled plan was to lead a fact-finding mission to South Africa in February.

"Herb was a wonderful mentor. It was a pleasure to work with this superb professional. He became my friend and an exemplary volunteer in the community," stated Frank Dimant, current executive vice-president. "His love of history and the Jewish people was immense. He will be sorely missed."

Harry Bick, national president of B'nai B'rith Canada recalled that with Levy's passing, an era in Jewish professionalism has come to an end. The late Saul Hayes of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Leon Kronitz, executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation; and Levy were the three senior professionals in Canadian Jewish life who helped mold the political destiny and shape of their respective organizations, Bick said.

In addition to his involvement with B'nai B'rith Canada Levy was also active in the Jewish War Veterans, Secular Jewish Association and a member of the Holy Blossom Temple.

Levy served on the national executive of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society; the CJC's Joint Community Relations Committee, the executive committee of the Canada-Israel Committee, and the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

He was an active member of the Liberal Party in two federal ridings.

He is survived by his wife Shirley Bohnen Levy, his daughter Linda Levy Peck, two sisters, Sally Millinger and Anne Leon, and seven grandchildren.

Donations can be made to the Herbert Levy B'nai B'rith Memorial Endowment Fund. For further information, contact B'nai B'rith Canada, 15 Hove St., Toronto, M3H 4Y8 (416) 633-6224.

9½-hour Holocaust film tells stories of survivors

By RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

At Auschwitz, while trainloads of Jews were being sent directly from the arrival dock to the gas chambers, the Nazis one time held back two "transports" from Czechoslovakia. The Czech Jews were put in isolated barracks. Families were kept intact. Children were allowed to mount plays and the adults were encouraged to write letters to relatives, describing their experience in this new place. Then they were all gassed.

They were driven to the gas chamber and beaten horribly. They were ordered to strip. Then, they were punched, kicked and clubbed. Some were killed on the spot.

But somehow, someone — and then everyone — started to sing the Czech national anthem and then Hatikvah, a song that later became the Israel national anthem. Its English title is The Hope.

It was then that Filip Muller, a Jew whose job it was to clear bodies from the gas chamber, could take no more — no more killing, no more bodies, no more waiting for his own end in the periodic purges of the gas chamber and crematorium workers. He walked into the gas chamber and then, at the pleading of a woman, walked right out again. She gave him a reason to live.

You will meet Muller if you see the movie, Shoah, which is 9½ hours long and which is the ultimate film document of the Holocaust. You will see Muller and hear him tell his story and then you will watch him break down and cry. I guarantee you will cry, too. You will cry because Muller's story is awful, sad, beyond comprehension, but also because — miracle of miracles — after all Muller saw and did, he can still cry. In fact, he can't stop himself.

And neither can Abraham Bomba, barber of Tel Aviv, but once barber at Treblinka, the Nazi extermination camp not far from Warsaw. His job was to shear the heads of women before they were gassed. Snip. Snip. It had to be fast because there were schedules to keep.

Standing in a Tel Aviv barber shop and cutting someone's hair, he tells of the day when his fellow barber at Treblinka had to cut the hair of his own, doomed wife. Wordlessly, she sat for her shearing and her husband could do nothing for her. He could only dawdle, take a second or two longer. At this, Bomba is forced to put down his scissors and interrupt his tale. He, too, can cry.

There are others. The almost legendary Itzhak (Antek) Zuckerman was one of the few Jews to survive the fight for the Warsaw ghetto. Now, in Israel, he says, "If you could lick my heart, it would poison you."

Or Rudolf Vrba, sort of a trusty at Auschwitz, who escaped after the gassing of the Czech Jews to tell a disinterested world that the Nazis were exterminating the Jews of Europe.

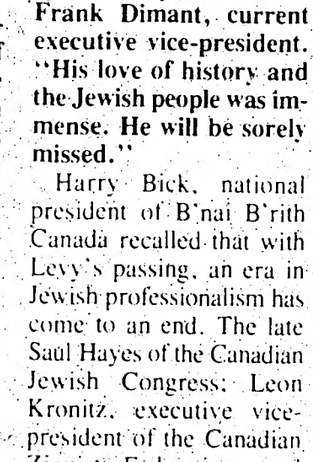
Or Jan Karski, the non-Jewish Pole who lives now in Washington. He smuggled himself into the Warsaw ghetto to see first hand what was happening — the people falling dead on the streets, the hordes of ophans, the mounds of bodies, a culture dying of induced starvation — and he, Karski, bursts into tears.

This is the film of Claude Lanzmann, the French filmmaker. When one of the people he is interviewing breaks down and says he can not continue, Lanzmann says he must. He says that he is preparing an historical record. He says that the testimony is ugly, painful to say, painful to hear but the pain, ultimately, is besides the point.

History asks a bit more from these people: Say for the camera what it was like. The interview subject gulps some air. And goes on.

As a history of the Holocaust, there are no facts in Shoah that are new. Its virtue is the medium of film — the faces you see, the voices you hear. And oddly, the fact that it was shot in color makes a difference. This is not a dusty, archival look at history — at the dead and the artifacts of death such as what's left of the crematoriums. The witnesses are here among us — barbers and intellectuals and, of course, the many Poles who watched the trains to Auschwitz and Treblinka, who even drove them, who could do nothing to stop the murder . . . who to this day can not comprehend and who sometimes find their answer in the foul libel of the Jew as the killer of Christ. It is not to them so much an excuse as it is an explanation.

In the gas chamber, Filip Muller met a woman who knew him — knew he was a worker who could live, if he chose, if only for a while longer. She told him to go back. His death would change nothing. He had to live. He had to bear witness. It was, she said, his obligation.



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Cites economic measures, peace efforts

Israel looking to a better future, says Dinitz

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Israel today is in a period of anticipation, said member of the Knesset and former diplomat Simcha Dinitz speaking to the closing banquet of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's 31st biennial convention held recently in Winnipeg.

"We are waiting to see how well our economic measures and peace efforts will succeed and we are hoping something good for humanity, the world's Jews and Israelis come out of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit."

On the economic front, Dinitz reported that inflation is down from 20-30% a month to 2-3%. "The price, however, is a reduced standard of living, a cut in wages and some unemployment which is in itself a danger," he said, "and we have only begun to put the country back in shape. We have to move toward economic growth, greater industrial development and a reduced balance of payments."

According to Dinitz, the country's economic base is strong — with the highest per capita export figures in the world. The economic crisis is a result of a lack of natural resources (a lot of milk and honey but a $1.5-billion yearly oil bill) and a massive defence burden which eats up a third of the nation's income.

"The Prime Minister (Peres) is right when he says the problem is a military problem," said Dinitz. "The economic crisis is a matter of survival. We have 160 million neighbors bent on our destruction, waiting for any sign of weakness as an invitation to aggression.

"Sadat came to Jerusalem only because he finally concluded Israel was too strong to be destroyed by force. No Arab leader will negotiate with us if he thinks he can destroy us. Economic recovery is the top priority on our agenda."

Israel's second major challenge is peace. "We need peace," said Dinitz. "We didn't create Israel to raise children in bomb shelters, to raise our children to be heros. We've proven we can fight but we will leave no stone unturned to begin peace negotiations. It is not a simple matter though because we live in an unpleasant neighborhood. We will pursue peace as relentlessly as we have fought our wars. However, peace requires at least two partners."

Dinitz reiterated Israel's strong opposition to the PLO as that partner. "We will negotiate with Jordan or West Bank Arabs, but we will never negotiate with an organization whose charter calls for our destruction," he said.

"The real tragedy of the Palestinian people is that whenever there has been some hope of solving their problem, they produce the most warlike leadership, from the Grand Mufti to Arafat, who are prepared to sacrifice their own people to greedy ambition."

As to the work of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Dinitz told the delegates and their husbands: "We are partners in an historic opportunity we cannot afford to miss. We have the ability to change Jewish history. After 2,000 years of prayer and tears, our fate is again in our own hands.

"Israel cannot promise the Diaspora that our partnership will always be easy. We make mistakes in Israel. We sometimes have to do unpopular things to stay alive. But we are not trying to be perfect. We try only to create a more peaceful, safer, more decent society. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO helps us to be a more decent society.

"Israel has to be worth living for. The fact that we are a caring society is what makes us different from our neighbors. If not for that difference, we would simply be the 21st Arab country."

CJC holds survey on Jewish disabled

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Executives and administrators of Jewish community organizations across Canada have recently been receiving an unusual letter in the mail.

Beginning in September, they were sent a letter containing a 6-page questionnaire which calls on them to estimate the number of Jewish disabled in the community and in Jewish organizations and to report on the facilities and resources available to them.

Greater concern

The survey reflects an increasing concern with the needs and rights of the disabled, said Prof. Frederick Zemans, chairman of the law and social action committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, whose subcommittee prepared and distributed the survey.

Zemans, a professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, told The CJN there are two purposes to the questionnaire: to educate and raise consciousness of community organizations with respect to the disabled; and secondly, to identify people involved with the handicapped across Canada and invite them to the plenary assembly of CJC in Toronto, scheduled for May, 1986.

Zemans said an advocacy workshop at the plenary will be offered to help participants identify the needs of the disabled and develop programs for the handicapped.

Besides being an educational and training workshop, Zemans expects participants will, as a result, develop networks of contacts to facilitate information exchanges afterwards.

The questionnaire is directed to Jewish communal institutions such as synagogues, community centres, Ys, associations and schools and is based on information and experience derived from the National Council of Jewish Women's work with the disabled, he said.

"We were the first ones to work with the Jewish physically disabled in Toronto," Nita Goldband, president of NCJW Toronto section, told The CJN.

Goldband said NCJW "helped develop the survey" and will be involved in the upcoming plenary.

Besides NCJW representatives, others involved on the special CJC subcommittee which prepared the survey — Prof. Mark Nagler, chairman of the subcommittee, played a large role in drafting the survey — are spokespeople from the Task Force on the Disabled, headquartered in the Jewish Community Centre in Toronto, and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Holy Blossom Temple, who has worked with the hearing disabled.

Zemans said the results of the questionnaire will be tabulated early in the new year, though he guessed the results might show resource shortages in smaller communities hampering efforts to cope with the needs of the disabled.

What prompted the concern for the disabled expressed in the survey?

Zemans pointed to the work of NCJW and to a plenary of CJC about six years ago which passed "a strong resolution requesting the community reach out to the handicapped and their needs.

Prime functions

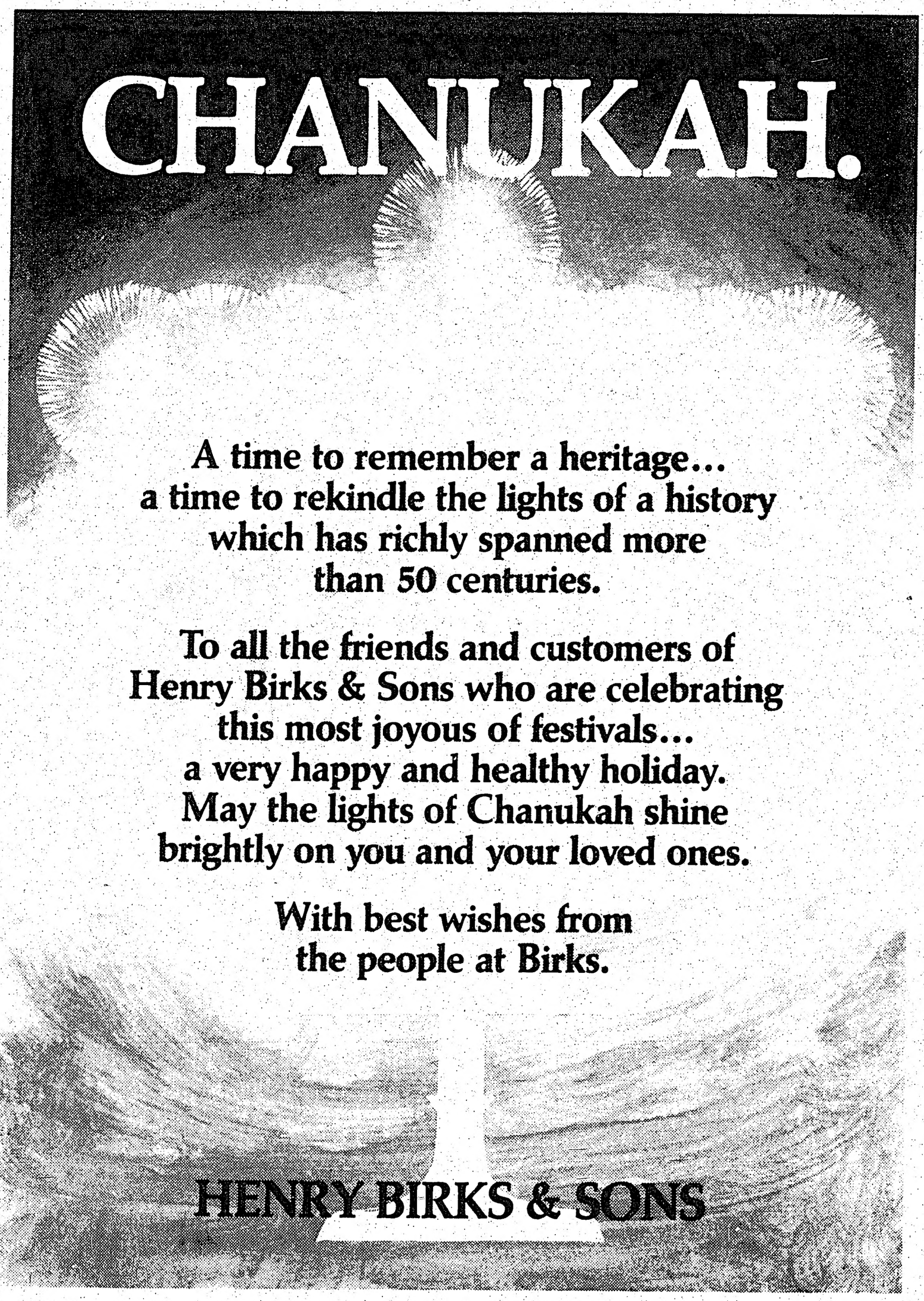
"The concern of the handicapped has been that they feel they're outsiders," Zemans said. "The difficulty has been developing programs in the community to allow them to be participants in religious, cultural, educational and social activities of the community."

Integrating the disabled into the mainstream of community life has been one of the prime functions of the Task Force at the JCC, he added.

Question 8 of the 10-question survey asks "In your community/organization, what efforts are being made to integrate the disabled?"

Question 7 asks "What are the main obstacles within your community/organization that deter the needs of the Jewish disabled from being met," while question 6 asks for examples of "support systems" to provide services for the disabled in transportation, home care support, education, recreation and others.

For a copy of the questionnaire, contact CJC at Edifice Samuel Bronfman House, 1590 Avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal, H3G 1C5, phone (514) 931-7531.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Pollard spy affair comes as complete surprise

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new advisor on terrorism, Amiram Nir. Eitan was permitted to remain in the Prime Minister's Office in an undefined capacity.

The interim report says that Pollard approached Israeli officials, and suggests that one motive for using him was to determine whether the U.S. was spying on Israel.

It says that two Israeli diplomats stationed in the U.S. relayed Pollard's information directly to Eitan.

The diplomats in question, who were science attaches, are now back in Israel. They are Ilan Ravid, who worked in the Israeli embassy, and Yosef Yagur, who was posted to Israel's consulate-general in New York City.

It is unclear as yet what kind of information Pollard handed over to Israel. But Eugene Noltkamper, an FBI agent, has said the documents he took related to the military capabilities of foreign governments.

A study prepared by the CIA six years ago concluded that two of the principal goals of Israeli intelligence were the collection of information on U.S. policy concerning Israel, and the collection of scientific data in the U.S. and other developed countries.

The Pollard affair comes as a complete surprise because the U.S. is Israel's only real ally and chief benefactor.

For approximately the past 30 years, Israel and the U.S. have not carried out covert operations against each other, says Wolf Blitzer, The Jerusalem Post's Washington correspondent, in his new book, *Between Washington and Jerusalem.* (Last May, however, the Israelis were embarrassed by the revelation that restricted American electronic devices used to trigger atomic bombs had ended up in Israel).

Before Israel and the U.S. reached this understanding, an Israeli spy-network in Egypt planted explosives in a U.S. government office, a post office and a cinema in an attempt to mar the Eisenhower administration's relations with Gamal Abdel Nasser. The plot was a resounding failure, and its consequences were disastrous. The resulting Lavon affair eventually led to the resignation, for the second and last time, of David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister.

For the past couple of decades, the working relationship between Israeli and American intelligence officials has grown incrementally. Blitzer, in his book, claims that CIA-Mossad cooperation is "so close that the two organizations do not really have to spy on each other."

The two nations, in November of 1983, signed a memorandum of strategic cooperation.

Although Israel has had some access to U.S. reconnaissance satellite data, Israel is not entirely satisfied with the arrangement.

Israel has proposed direct transmission of pictures from U.S. satellites to ground stations in Israel. But the U.S. has refused.

In spite of the fact that the Israeli Air Force flies reconnaissance missions over Arab territory, the Israelis reportedly have asked the Americans to turn over information on Jordanian and Egyptian troop deployments.

It is possible that Pollard's mother lode of intelligence data contained such information.

Pollard, a graduate of Stanford University, joined the Navy as a civilian in 1979. Born in Galveston, Texas, and raised in South Bend, Indiana, he is the son of Morris Pollard, a microbiologist who heads a cancer research laboratory at Notre Dame University.

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Children of intermarriage band together

WASHINGTON —

To serve the needs of the rapidly growing population of children resulting from Jewish-Gentile marriages, Pareveh — the Alliance for Adult Children of Jewish-Gentile Intermarriage has been formed.

One of the U.S. based organization's goals will be to assist its members in exploring the positive aspects of their experiences, according to a release from Pareveh.

The convenors of Pareveh chose the organization's name from the variant, lesser-used pronunciation and spelling of "pareve," a Yiddish word used to describe foods that include neither animal nor dairy products, and can therefore be eaten with either one without violating dietary laws. This concept, in the opinion of the convenors, summarizes the family status of the offspring of Jewish-Gentile intermarriage.

Parevehs "now number between 400,000 to 600,000 and their numbers are growing rapidly," according to Dr. Egon Mayer, professor of sociology at Brooklyn College.

"If current statistical population trends continue, it is not inconceivable that by the year 2050, the descendants of Jewish-Gentile intermarriages will constitute a major group of American Jews," he added.

Margolis told The CJN that as the intermarriage rate in Canada is up to 30%, they would also like to start branches in Canada.

"We don't think the problems encountered by children from intermarriages are limited to the U.S.," she said.

Margolis explained that parevehs face both internal and external identity conflicts. She said that for every pareveh who identifies as a Jew or a Christian, or possesses firm dual secular identities, there are numerous others who suffer from severe feelings of displacement and detachment.

"These individuals become the new 'lost tribes' of Judaism, and Judaism's loss does not translate into gains for Christianity or other cultures," Margolis said. "They are cut adrift."

As for the external challenges, Leslie Goodman-Malamuth, Pareveh's Washington representative, said that while some segments of the Jewish community welcome parevehs, other Jewish groups are ambivalent or indifferent.

"The Christians consider it a mitzvah to convert us, but there's no room there for our Jewish roots," she notes.

For more information write to the Alliance for Adult Children of Jewish-Gentile Intermarriage, PO Box 2554, Washington, DC 20013-2554.

Identifies as Jew

"I feel very fortunate to be the child of a Jewish-Gentile intermarriage," said Robin Elizabeth Margolis, executive director of the group. "While I identify firmly as a Jew, I do experience great pleasure in being able to understand and inhabit two different worlds."

It was revealed at a recent press conference announcing the formation of Pareveh that because of the steep rise in the number of American Jewish-Gentile intermarriages — from fewer than 6% of all marriages involving a Jewish partner in 1950 to 60% in Washington alone this year — the number of parevehs (children of mixed marriages) has multiplied exponentially.

Terrorists shot ten passengers

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— started shooting Western passengers. Their first victims were two Israeli women, one of whom later died. The other victim was an American woman.

When the Egyptians struck, the hijackers had already shot ten passengers.

It is unclear what they wanted. But two heretofore unknown groups — Organization of Egypt's Revolutionaries and Organization of Arab Revolutionary Brigades — said the hijacking had been mounted as retaliation for Israel's strike on PLO headquarters in Tunis two months ago.

More information on the hijacking may be supplied by the surviving hijacker, who is recovering in hospital. One report said two hijackers had in fact been captured alive.

The bloody incident in Malta worsens Egypt's relations with Libya. In its wake, Egypt reinforced its garrison near the Libyan border.

Meanwhile, the U.S. — which provided Egypt with technical assistance for its commando raid — offered a reward of $250,000 for information leading to the arrest of Mohammed Abbas.

Abbas, a Palestinian associate of Yasser Arafat, is believed to have planned the Achille Lauro piracy, which led to the murder of Leon Klinghoffer, an American Jew.

Marilyn Klinghoffer, his widow, has sued the PLO for $1.5 billion and the ship owners for $100 million. — S.K.

U.S. aid to Nazis to be investigated

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

A bill has been introduced in Congress to establish a special commission that would investigate U.S. assistance to Nazis and Nazi collaborators following World War II.

Introduced by Rep. Barney Frank, the bill charges the proposed commission with finding out how many Nazi war criminals or collaborators came to this country after the war with the knowledge or help of U.S. officials, and the extent to which the officials were aware of the Nazi backgrounds the new immigrants brought with them.

It would also investigate the nature and extent of deception and law breaking said to have been committed by U.S. intelligence agency officials in an effort to bring former Nazis and collaborators to this country, and more recently, in an alleged attempt to cover up the entire affair.

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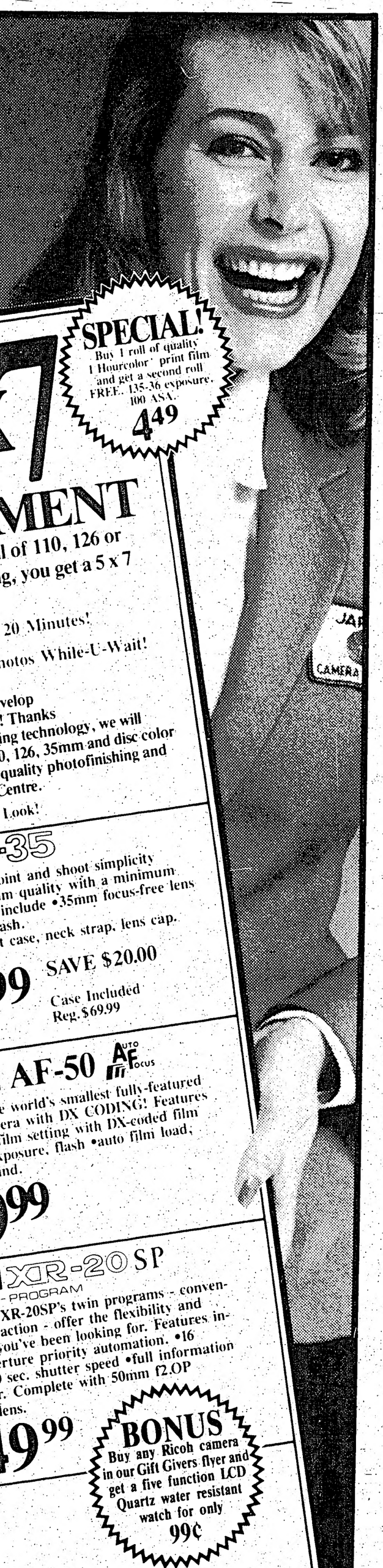

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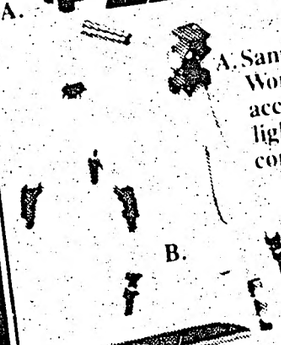

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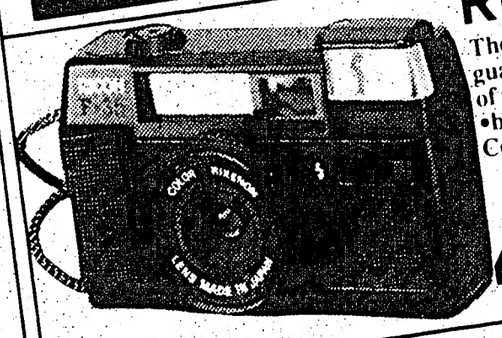

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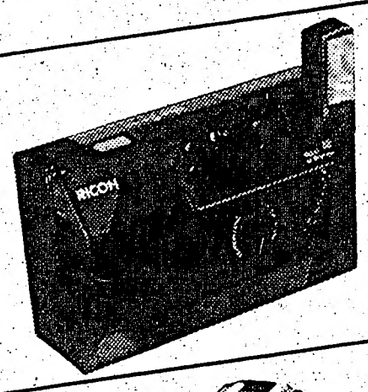

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Because of the holiday season, the editorial deadlines for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues are advanced. Deadline for the Dec. 26 issue is Monday, Dec. 16. Deadline for the Jan. 2 issue is Friday, Dec. 20. But don't wait until the last moment! Get your copy in as soon as possible, please, to avoid the last minute rush.

Please note - when you send or bring in photos, please include your name and address, plus $1, to cover mailing costs, otherwise we cannot promise to return them.

Thursday, Dec. 4

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE MEETING

Manic-depressive illness in childhood and adolescence will be the topic explored by **Dr. Marshall Korenblum,** at the next public meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association of Metro Toronto. Come out on Dec. 4 at 7.30 p.m. to the First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W. at Avenue Rd. Seating is limited.

Saturday, Dec. 7

ARIE ART EXHIBITION

Torch of Hope, an exhibition displaying a decade of major art work by Israeli artist, **Dubie Arie,** will be shown on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m., in Queens Quay Terminal, 207 Queens Quay W., South Atrium, 5th floor. Included will be an audio-visual presentation, Under the Wings of God and the Shadow of Amalek.

CHANUKAH PARTY N. OF HWY 7

Shaarei Haim Hebrew School and Congregation, is holding a Family Chanukah Party on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m., in Roselawn Public School, 422 Carrville Rd. (east of Bathurst).

Sandy Horowitz will entertain.

Admission is $1 for children, $2, adults. RSVP, 884-8400.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT HESED

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed is a new congregation that is being formed to recapture the feeling of commitment which people seek when becoming part of a Jewish community.

The congregation invites you to a Chanukah Celebration: Havdalah and First Candle-Lighting, on Saturday, Dec. 7 between 6 and 7.30 p.m., to be held at Beth Lida Forest Hill Synagogue, 22 Gilgorm Rd. (east of Chaplin, just north of Eglinton).

There will be songs and refreshments for the family. Please bring your own chanukiah.

RSVP, 782-8576.

BETH RADOM CHANUKAH DANCE

Beth Radom Sisterhood is holding a Chanukah Dance on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8.30 p.m. until midnight, at the synagogue, 18 Reiner Rd. Live music will be provided by **Eddie Gresko** and his orchestra.

Admission, $15 per couple, includes refreshments and door prizes.

For additional information phone 781-1604.

Sunday, Dec. 8

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Hy Fogelman, executive director of the Israel Histradut Campaign for Ontario, will address Beth Sholom Brotherhood at the next meeting, Sunday, Dec. 8, in the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. He will outline The Commitment of the Future Generation.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast follows in the Gerald Schwartz auditorium.

Chairman is **Ben Nobleman,** co-chairman, **Harry Goldstein.**

TO SPEAK ON COEXISTENCE

Mohammed Darawshe, assistant to Knesset member **Abdel-el-Whahab Darawshe,** will speak on Arab-Jewish coexistence, when he talks at the Moadon Telem, Sunday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m.

Refreshments will be served, and admission is $1.

To inquire further, call 787-3484.

SHAAR SHALOM CHANUKAH PARTY

Rabbi Sheldon Korn, of Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, announces a family Chanukah Party on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1.30 p.m.

Help light the candles, enjoy a puppet show, sing song, refreshments and prizes. Bring your friends and have a good time.

Admission is $2 per person, $7 per family, and everyone is welcome. Call 889-4975 for more details.

PREMIERE AT HOLY BLOSSOM

A specially commissioned Hallel will be performed in its full concert version for the first time on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in Holy Blossom Temple.

The work has been especially written for the Temple by American Jewish composer **Ralph Schlossberg,** who is a cantor at Temple Shomrei Torah in Hillside, NJ.

At the world premiere, the soloist will be Holy Blossom's **Cantor Benjamin Meissner,** who initiated the project. Also performing will be the Temple Singers, the children's choir of the religious school and a chamber instrumental ensemble.

The date of the premiere has been chosen to coincide with Chanukah, during which the Hallel is used in the liturgy, reflecting the spirit of solemnity and joy characteristic of the occasion.

SAJAC CHANUKAH PARTY

The South African Jewish Association of Canada looks forward to its Chanukah Party to take place at the Jewish Community Centre, N/E Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., on Sunday, Dec. 8 at noon.

Admission is $3.50 for members, $5, non-members.

CHANUKAH CRAFT FAIR

Beth Tzedec Men's Club and Sisterhood, are sponsoring a Chanukah Craft Fair on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Lots of fun and surprises are in store, including crafts, a special youth program, hot dogs and latkes. Everyone is welcome.

Cost is $3.50 per person. For more information call the synagogue office, 781-3511.

Monday, Dec. 9

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

United Jewish Appeal Business and Professional Women's Network is hosting An Evening with **Barbara McDougall,** minister of state for finance, on Monday, Dec. 9 at 7.30 p.m., in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Admission is $5 per person. For reservations call 635-2883, ext. 145. Pre-registration is required.

ALJS MEETING

The discussion group of the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit meets Monday, Dec. 9 at 7.30 p.m. in Forest Hill Public Library, 666 Eglinton Ave. W. All are welcome.

The group continues with the theme, Other Modern Approaches to Judaism. Specifically it will consider the remainder of **Hermann Cohen's** philosophy, and begin with the thought of **Leo Baeck.** Participation is encouraged. Bring your questions, objections, challenges and comments.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN ADDRESS ORT

Toronto Women's ORT Business and Professional Group, invites you to a Chanukah membership celebration with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein,** assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple. She will examine Jewish Women As Modern Day Maccabees.

The event is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9 at 5.30 p.m. at The McGill Club, 21 McGill St.

RSVP to **Marcy Gilbert** at the ORT office, 787-0339.

BATTERED WOMEN

Beth Sholom Sisterhood invites you to attend a thought-provoking evening with **Marilyn Horwich,** who is the founder of Positive Directions, a support group for battered women.

The gathering is set for Monday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. in the Gerald Schwartz auditorium, Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., welcomes members and guests to a Chanukah general meeting in the Arback Hall on Monday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m.

Rouhama Danto will talk about Sights, Sounds and Tastes of Israel. Cost for members is $2. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

PAPPENHEIM MEMORIAL LECTURE

United Synagogue of America Ontario Region, and The Rabbinical Assembly, invite you to attend the Rabbi Albert Pappenheim Memorial Lecture, Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Guest speaker, **Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro,** president of The Rabbinical Assembly, will explore Conservative Judaism - What the Future Holds.

CAMERON DISCUSSES LAYTON

Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall, presents An Evening With **Elspeth Cameron** , on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m.

Cameron will talk about the research that went into her biography, Irving Layton: A Portrait, and the controversy which has developed since its publication.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 8.15 p.m. in the board room of the Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St. The study portion will be Hosea, chapters 9 and 10, with **Harold Dessen.**

The group is operated under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. For further information, telephone 635-2883, ext. 151.

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's fall Institute of Jewish Studies, with **Rabbi Moshe Stern,** continues on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. with, The Master Race and the Chosen People - A Look at Nazi Ideology in a Torah Light. Everyone is welcome.

For details call 787-1631.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Liberating Ourselves from Environmental Oppression (Pollution) in the Home or Office, is the topic to be considered by **Jeff Levin,** director of the Toronto Health Education Centre, at the Chanukah meeting of the Toronto Jewish Vegetarian Society. This is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. in the Skyview condominium recreation centre, 5444 Yonge St. (one stoplight south of Finch).

Parking is available in the Nortown Plaza on the east side of Yonge St.

Refreshments will be served.

Admission is $2. For additional information call 222-7218 or 494-3087.

B'NAI B'RITH ROUMANIAN LODGE

B'nai B'rith Roumanian Lodge will celebrate Chanukah with **Dr. W. Filderman** on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. in the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. (Sheppard and Bathurst).

After the traditional candle-lighting, **Barry Reichman** will deliver his report on Israeli news.

Sam Bacher will speak about the Maccabeans and the Significance of Chanukah.

Chairman is **S.Z. Strulovici.**

Friends of the lodge and their families are cordially invited.

CHAVERIM CHAPTER BBW

Chaverim Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, (ages 25 - 35) invites you to join them at a Lovecraft Party on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 8.15 p.m.

For more information call **Reva,** at 633-9859.

And What Else Is New ...

B'NAI B'RITH AUCTION

Forestdale Lodge, B'nai B'rith, invites you to its Grand Auction, Saturday, Dec. 14, at Thornhill Square Shopping Mall, Bayview and John St. Preview is 7.30 p.m., auction at 8.30.

Admission is $2.50 per person, and there will be a door prize. Refreshments will be served.

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For tickets and/or information contact **Jack Britstone,** 678-2990 (bus.) or 881-5814 (res.).

DAY CARE GUIDE BOOK

A pocket-sized day care guidebook for Metro Toronto and surrounding areas is going to print in early 1986. It will list day care centres and agencies, day care providers and child care services.

Centres and agencies wishing to be listed or advertise in this non-profit project should call **Louise,** of United Day Care, 738-1531.

To receive a copy, send $4.95 plus 75¢ handling and postage to United Day Care, 3000 Bathurst St., Suite 106, Toronto, M6B 3B4.

CAMP RAMAH SLIDE SHOW

Judith Markose, director of Camp Ramah, will present the 1986 slide show on the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave; Monday, Dec. 9, at 7.45 p.m. in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. and Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

All interested families are invited to attend. For inquiries, phone 789-2193 during office hours.

For Ottawa residents, the slide show will be on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. in Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Coldrey Ave.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CANCER CLINIC

The cancer clinic affiliated with Sunnybrook Medical Centre at Bayview and Lawrence Avenues, is an out-patient treatment centre.

Volunteers work in an attractive modern facility as receptionists, greeters and escorts for patients attending the clinic.

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FOUNDATION OFFICERS

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada Foundation has elected officers to administer the $10.5 million non-profit housing facility at Bathurst and Prince Charles for seniors, families and the disabled, scheduled for June opening. From left to right, are NCJW Foundation officers, Lesley Miller, secretary-treasurer, Nita Goldband, vice-president, Patricia Starr, president and Eleanor Cooper, director.

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Caring, sensitive adults offer an essential support service for staff working in the clinic. If you would like to be involved with this challenging project, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

USY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth will host the 35th annual USY International convention Dec. 22 to 26, at the Skyline Hotel. The program will include special guest speakers, chuggim and study sessions on the theme, The More Torah, the More Life.

Over 1200 USYers from across Canada and the United States are expected to attend.

USY is an affiliation of youth groups in Conservative synagogues. If you are between the ages of 13 and 18 and would like more information, call **Mark Freedman,** regional youth director, 789-0579.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

The popular entertainers from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Doris' Musical Variety Show, under the direction of **Doris Fleishman,** accompanied by pianist-soloist **Elaine Duff,** announce the following December performances: Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m., the 1985 North York Seniors Holiday Party at the North York Civic Centre; cafeteria area, 5100 Yonge St; Thursday, Dec. 19, Towne and Countrye Square, Yonge and Steeles, 1.30 p.m. in the fountain area.

For additional information about this group, call 248-4764 or 222-7422.

CHANUKAH AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood, 3600 Bathurst St., presents a Cabaret Chanukah Celebration featuring the Naftshaynu Orchestra, plus other professional entertainment, food and more, on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. Cost is just $5 per person.

The brotherhood is also sponsoring a children's Chanukah program with music, food, entertainment and prizes. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

To inquire further, call 787-1631.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Hamilton's Shalom Village, a retirement home at 70 Macklin St. N., offers a number of special events for December.

On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7.30 p.m., the Jewish Ethics and Philosophy series continues with a talk by **Rabbi Silverman** on The Lessons of Purim.

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m., B'nai B'rith hosts a Chanukah party for residents, with good food and fun the order of the day.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7.30 p.m., a speaker from the Canadian Cancer Society will show a film and lead a discussion on How to Cope with Cancer.

Thursday, Dec. 12, at 2.30 p.m., **Carl Kinanen** from McMaster University department of aging, will screen a slide show on India.

Dec. 15, at 2 p.m., is the Simcha Sunday celebration for the December birthdays. Residents can look forward to entertainment by **Marvin Rosenshein.**

Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7.30 p.m., the Jewish Ethics and Philosophy series continues with **Rabbi Bernard Baskin,** who will provide some insights about The Life of a Rabbi.

On Tuesday, Dec. 31, starting at 8 p.m., ring in the new year at a party with music, refreshments and song.

Everyone is invited to join the residents for their programs. Call the office at 528-5377.

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK AT UTS

UTS Drama Society presents The Diary of Anne Frank, on Dec. 5, 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium, 371 Bloor St. W. at Spadina.

Tickets, at $4 each, may be ordered in advance by phoning 978-3212, or can be purchased for $5 at the door.

KUPAT HOLIM DINNER

Michael Burns and **Sidney Liswood,** in co-operation with Toronto United Jewish Appeal, announce a new date for the Kupat Holim Man of the Year Dinner in honor of **Harold Livergant.** The dinner is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, at the Inn on the Park.

The co-chairmen urge their fellow committee members to maintain their present pace to ensure completion of the **Harold and Lynda Livergant** neo-natal wing at Beersheba Medical Centre.

For more information call 630-9444.

QUIT SMOKING

A 2-hour Quit Smoking workshop for ages 16 and over is to be co-sponsored by The Lung Association. Using bio-monitoring equipment, a representative of the association will show the effects of one cigarette on such vital body functions as breathing and heart rate. This is free, but please pre-register.

The workshop will be held on Friday, Dec. 27 from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E. (west of Don Mills Rd).

NCJW TODDLER PROGRAM

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, is now accepting registration for Enjoying your Toddler (22 months to 3 years). Programs commence Jan. 9.

The fee is $45 for 10 sessions.

For further information and registration forms, call 633-5100 (Voice or TTY).

WINTER WONDERLAND

Once again, girls and boys ages 7 to 16 can take part in a winter camp experience at the Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, near Parry Sound, Dec. 22 to 29. The package includes cross-country ski classes, equipment, winter sports, crafts and much more. There will be excellent supervision, and all food services are under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress.

For more information call the Jewish Camp Council at 964-8842.

NEW BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

In response to the ever-increasing need for blood, the Canadian Red Cross has opened a new, permanent blood donor clinic in downtown Toronto. It is conveniently located in the Royal Bank Plaza, north tower, 7th floor. The address is 200 Bay St. at Wellington.

CHANUKAH SPECTACULAR

Come one, come all, to the Chanukah Spectacular, featuring circus shmirkus comedy jugglers, a super dreidl contest, live music, clowns, grand performance, chanukiah-lighting, great prizes and delicious refreshments.

All this takes place on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2.30 p.m. in Thornlea Secondary School, 8075 Bayview Ave. (corner of Willowbrook) four lights north of Steeles. Boys and girls, ages 3 to 12, and parents too, are welcome. Admission is $3 per person.

Sponsor is Lubavitch of Markham. For further information call 731-7000.

SURVIVING SEPARATION

Jewish Family and Child Service has prepared a series of meetings to deal with Surviving Separation.

The experience of becoming single again, through separation, divorce or widowhood, will be considered in a supportive group setting. Coping with change, developing insights, making new friends, evolving ways of dealing with singlehood and sharing experiences, will all be a part of these gatherings.

Starting date is Monday, Dec. 16, from 8 to 9.30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor, Room 7, and the meetings continue each Monday for six weeks.

Fee is $30. (Scholarships are available on request).

To register, phone 638-7800, ext. 290 or 292.

VOLUNTEER FOR BAYCREST

Arts and Crafts volunteers are needed at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, to assist senior adults in a day care art program, with knitting, crochet, clay work, painting etc. Volunteer assistance would be very much appreciated Monday to Thursday, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Baycrest also needs someone to lead a senior adult group on Thursdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., to discuss relevant issues in Hungarian.

GRAND BAZAAR CLEAROUT

Great bargains are available at the Grand Clearout Bazaar, to be held at 585 Cranbrooke Ave. (north of Lawrence, east of Bathurst) on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be savings on such items as dresses, millinery, sportswear, household goods, books, groceries, children's wear, sweaters, yarn and jewelry.

Proceeds are for the Morris Winchevsky Schools.

BETH EMETH CHANUKAH PARTY

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Couples Club, present a Chanukah Party at the synagogue, 100 Elder, on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7.30 p.m.

Enjoy the movie, Oh Charlie, followed by dancing to the music of **Paul Matthews** and his group.

Cost is $9 per person, and tickets are available in advance at the synagogue. Requests for tables to seat 10 people may be made through the office.

OAKVILLE CHANUKAH DINNER

Join Shaarei-Beth El Congregation, 186 Morrison Rd. in Oakville, for its Chanukah Family Dinner on Friday, Dec. 13 at 6.30 p.m. Singing, stories and good fellowship will be the order of the evening.

Cost is $8 per adult, $3.50 per child, 11 years and under. For reservations, payable in advance, call **Ruth Burke** at 844-3461.

Shaarei-Beth El wants a TV set, black and white or color, in working order, for babysitting during synagogue functions. If you have an extra set which you are not using, the donation would be appreciated. Please call the synagogue office at 845-0837.

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Come out to the Jewish Community Centre northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St., to register your toddlers (ages 6 months to 5 years) for one of the exciting pre-school programs, ranging from music to gymnastics. All programs begin the week of Jan. 6 and continue for ten weeks. Registration for members is Sunday, Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. and for non-members, Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 9 a.m.

Registration is now taking place at the JCC northern branch, for the junior and senior kindergarten (afternoons only) program for next September.

To inquire further about these programs, contact **Rona Kaushansky,** 636-1880.

The task force on Jewish persons with disabilities presents **Sara Jacobovici** leading a workshop where you will have the opportunity to experiment with different sounds and instruments, as well as learning to use music as a relaxation tool.

This stimulating program takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m., in Room 101-102 of the JCC northern branch. Everyone is welcome. Cost is $2 for members, $4 non-members. For further information, call 636-1880, ext. 239.

singles

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Spend New Year's, from Dec. 29 to Jan. 1, in the country, at the Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre. Jewish Camp Council of Toronto is planning a wonderful getaway with a New Year's Party, winter sports, all meals, transportation and much more. Phone the office, 964-8842.

King David Congregation Singles invites single persons of all ages to a Chanukah celebration on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Centennial Public Library, 578 Finch Ave. W., when **Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman** will talk about Mating, Dating and Celebrating.

There will be music and refreshments. Donation is $4 at the door.

To make further inquiries, call 782-7075.

Forty Plus Negilla Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women invites you to a general meeting and program with naturopathic physician, **Dr. Jose Da Costa Reis,** to be held 7.30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, at 15 Hove St. Admission is $2.

Total Living Mature Singles is having a Pre-Chanukah Dance, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m., in Earl Bales Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard, featuring **Norm Derrin** and his orchestra. There will be refreshments and prizes. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $5 for members, $6, non-members.

Join the **Single/Single Parent Group of the North-East Valley Branch of the Jewish Community Centre,** for bowling every Tuesday night, 7 to 9 p.m., at York Bowl, 545 Wilson Ave. You don't have to be a great bowler; just come out and have a good time. For details, phone 889-0813.

Jeff Perlmutar invites you to a Pre-Holiday Singles Party on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 8.30 p.m. at **Rooney's,** 2 Rosehill Ave., two blocks south of St. Clair and Yonge (east side). Cover is $5, and door prize is a dinner for two at Le Connaisseur. Don't let the weather spoil your night out. Indoor municipal parking is just two doors away.

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles is organizing a deluxe Independence Day Israel Tour May 5-19. Join a congenial group for a great holiday. Cost is $1,995 per person, Canadian funds (Israel bonds accepted as payments). Call **Roni,** 630-3932 or **Estelle,** 665-0744.

Reserve now for Beth Tikvah Chai Singles' New Year's Eve Party, offering a deli dinner, cash bar (one free drink) and deejay, all for $20 per person members, $25, non-members. Numbers are limited. Call **Claire,** 781-7765; **Rose,** 226-1854; **Barbara,** 665-1903 or **Trudy,** 661-7479.

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Chanukah Party at **Belinda's,** 1500 Steeles Ave. W. (northeast corner of Dufferin and Steeles), on Monday, Dec. 9, starting at 8.30 p.m. Chanukah treats will be served and door prizes include a cash prize and dinner for two from Belinda's.

The Knesset, Toronto's monthly cabaret and coffee house (age 20s and 30s), is an event you can't afford to miss. Laugh with Yuk Yuk's comedian, **Paul Wildbaum** (he is wild!), see yourself through the eyes of a caricaturist, participate in a drawing contest, enjoy the photo show and meet your friends - old and new.

The Knesset will open its doors at 9 p.m. sharp on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the JCC Valley, Leslie and Steeles. For details, call 889-0813. Admission of $5 includes entertainment, tea and coffee, and for the lucky ones, prizes. See you at the Knesset.

Ventura International Tours wants you to know about its Venezuela Caracas Shopping Spree Beach Bash, a 1-week singles special, at $699. Departure is Jan. 17 for three nights at the Caracas Hilton Hotel, and four nights at Puerto Azul Beach Club, on the Caribbean. Puerto Azul

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NEW SET

Brian Cappel, president of B'nai B'rith Thornhill Lodge, shows a volume of the Encyclopedia Judaica to Cam Hughes, a member of the North York Library Board. The lodge presented a set of the encyclopedia to the library to commemorate the 10th anniversary of public service at the library's Hillcrest Community Branch.

ANNIVERSARY CHECK

The Borochov Council, Farband Labor Zionist Alliance — representing three branches of the Alliance, Furriers Branch 701, Anielewitch Branch 702 and Borochov Branch 703, contributed toward the council's inscription on the Keer Hachayim, at the neonatal wing of the Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. Joe Crystal, (second from right) chairman of branch 702 and I. Appel, president of the Borochov council representing the three branches, are seen giving the check to Ben Himel, (second left) president of the Israel Histadrut campaign, while Harry Weinstock, president of the Farband LZA city committee, looks on. The check was presented during the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Mordechai Anielewitch Branch 702.

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is a private beach club with 75% Jewish membership.

Call **Abby,** at 479-1277, for more information.

B'nai B'rith Coed Singles Lodge is currently accepting new membership applications. It offers an opportunity to become involved in the community, help others and meet new people.

Come and find out what the group is all about. The next general meeting is set for Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7.30 p.m., at 15 Hove St. For more details call **Steve,** 489-2692.

Everyone is welcome at B'nai B'rith Coed Singles weekly Wednesday bowling night, 9.30 p. m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. (Dufferin-Lawrence area).

for seniors

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Healthy Aging, will be the subject of a 6-week lecture series which begins Dec. 3 at the **Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave. Lectures, presented by the St. John's Ambulance health care department, will take place on Tuesdays, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Leonard Wolfe Party Room until Jan. 21. Cost is $5 for all six lectures, or $1 for each lecture.

Armchair Travel, will be held Wednesdays at the Wagman Centre beginning Dec. 4, from 10.45 to 11.45 a.m. in the Waltman Fireside Lounge. There is no charge.

The **Self-Help Widows Group,** for women between the ages of 55 and 70 widowed less than two years, gathers next on Sunday, Dec. 8 between 12.30 and 2 p.m., in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre. On Monday, Dec. 9, the Self-Help group for widows 70 years and over, meets between 1.30 and 3 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni looks forward to a Chanukah Luncheon at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St., at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11. **Cantors Benjamin Maissner** and **Yitzhak Aptowitzer,** with pianist **Klara Goizman,** will offer a musical program.

Earl Bales Seniors Place is holding a Winter Dance on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8 to 11 p.m., with a live band, in the Earl Bales Community Centre, Sheppard and Bathurst. There will be a raffle, and refreshments are to be available. Cost is $3.50 for members, $4, non-members.

The Line and Ballroom Dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors Place** is now in full swing. Come out on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin.** This is free.

Members please note - Earl Bales Seniors Place will be closed from Jan. 1 to March 17. To inquire further, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join **Club Chaverim** for a celebration of Chanukah, on Monday, Dec. 9, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The festivities will include a delicious kosher dairy lunch at 12.30 p.m., complete with latkes and applesauce. Please reserve by noon. Cost for lunch is $1.25.

The Chaverim afternoon program begins at 1.30 p.m., and will feature singer-storyteller, **Sara Hertzberg.** Cost for the program is 60¢ members, 75¢, non-members. For details call 889-0813.

The **City of North York** is hosting a party for seniors on Sunday, Dec. 8 , from 2 to 4 p.m., at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St.

Enjoy live entertainment by **Doris' Musical Show,** followed by bingo and free refreshments.

Admission is free.

For more information on this and other City of North York events, call the public information office at 224-6086.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club will celebrate the season at its annual Chanukah Luncheon, on Monday, Dec. 9, at 12.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. (just east of Bathurst).

Featured entertainment by popular request is that well-known trio, **Eva Fishman, Moishe Turk,** and accompanist **Faigel Gartner.** Cost for the luncheon is $3.50, members, $4, guests.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has arranged a matinee on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Variety Dinner Theatre, featuring **Catherine McKinnon** in the musical, A Day on Broadway, a Night in the Ukraine. Make your reservations now by calling **Lena Sugar,** 782-2262.

Plans for a May, 1986, trip to the Canadian West - Vancouver (including Expo 86), Banff and Jasper, are taking shape for Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club. This is your chance to join in a tour which you will never forget. There will be no Shabbat travel. Immediate reservations are advised. For further information, call **Merle Young,** 964-3911 or **Lena Sugar,** 782-2262.

A catered Chanukah Party, with speaker **Rabbi David Monson** and entertainer **Avraham Feldman** is planned for the **Workmen's Circle Social Club,** 471 Lawrence Ave. W., at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Reservations must be made in advance, and **Shirley Grotell** will accept them at the building, Thursday, Dec. 5, between 10 a.m. and noon. Cost is $5 for members, $6, non-members.

Beth Sholom Seniors Chanukah meeting is set for Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Call **Irma Kosinec,** 787-2328, for details.

Reserve now for **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50's Chanukah Party, Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 1.30 p.m. Enjoy music by the Choir for Creative Living and lots of latkes. Everyone is welcome. Admission for non-members of the club is $2.**

Plan to attend a catered Chanukah luncheon sponsored by the Jubilee Club of Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 12.30 p.m. The **Roth Family** of entertainers returns for an afternoon of music. Singing and dancing will add to the frailich festivities.

Everyone is welcome. Cost is $5 per person, for members, $6, guests. Paid reservations are absolutely necessary. Call 665-1768, or 636-5872.

Keep this date in mind - Jubilee Club is having a dance with orchestra, on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. Details will follow.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone no. is 225-2112.

Nancy McLeod, program co-ordinator for the Metro Toronto and York Region Lung Association, will examine Smoking and You, on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in the synagogue. Effects of Smoking, Second Hand Smoke and other topics, will be discussed. A film, Let's Call It Quits, will be shown. If you are a smoker, an avowed non-smoker, or just curious, come out and listen.

All health lectures are open to interested individuals. Members' admission is free; non-members pay $1.

If you are 55 or over, and on your own, and you missed the first meeting of the Friendship Circle, you have another chance. Come out on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. for a video night featuring **Liza Minelli.**

On Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m., in the auditorium, there will be a Chanukah Party with the **Reverend Meyer Sharony.** The Chanukah story, songs and candle-lighting will be featured, and, of course, latkes and coffee complete the afternoon. Cost is $2 for members, $2.50, non-members.

A favorite singer, **Ruth Slater,** will be welcomed back at a Chanukah luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at noon. This is for members only, and the price is $4.50.

About People

BIBLE CONTEST CHAIRMAN

Shlomo Simon, executive director of the Montreal Education Resource Centre, has been appointed chairperson of the Canadian Zionist Federation National Bible Contest. Held annually for the past 27 years, the contest program encourages Hebrew and supplementary school students from across the country to study and participate.

Shlomo Simon

Semi-finalists from the regional competitions to be held Feb. 23, 1986 in Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and Moncton, will convene in Montreal April 13 and 14, for the National Bible Contest, to be hosted by the Hebrew Foundation School in Dollard des Ormeaux.

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Israeli Arab and Jew promote dialogue

Immediate pullout from W. Bank, Gaza urged

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Israel should immediately relinquish control over the West Bank and the Gaza strip, agree two promoters of Arab-Jewish dialogue.

But Muhammad Darawshi, an Arab Israeli, and Rabbi Daniel Hartman, a Jewish Israeli, have different reasons for believing that.

Speaking to over 200 people at Holy Blossom Temple recently on the need to establish dialogue between Arabs and Jews in Israel, Darawshi and Hartman also agreed that Arabs *in* Israel face severe discrimination and that Rabbi Meir Kahane, the militant advocate of the expulsion of all Arabs from Israel and occupied lands, is the greatest threat to Arab-Jewish harmony.

Darawshi, a parliamentary assistant to a Labor member of the Knesset and a founder of the Arab Peace Now Movement, said a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza is "essential," but that he wouldn't move there because he is an Israeli.

And he said he would fight an Israeli annexation of the West Bank and Gaza.

"Annexing the West Bank would be apartheid (for Arabs living there)," Darawshi contended.

Hartman, who moved to Israel from New York City in 1971, said if Israel hangs on to the West Bank, captured from Jordan in the 1967 Six Day War, it would "take the soul out" of the country.

"We would be left with a country that's secure but not worth saving. For pure Jewish reasons, Israel must remove its control over the West Bank."

Israel's security, he added, is not the only problem the West Bank poses. It also poses a Jewish ethical dilemma because for the first time in their history, Jews are wielding power in their own country and have control over Arabs living there.

Israel, he stated, has created a new problem for Jews: the deepening of conflicts among Jews themselves. "It's not so easy to be moral anymore," Hartman said.

While acknowledging that there is "an Arab problem" in Israel, Hartman maintained Jews must approach it from a strictly religious and moral standpoint.

"Our first problem is a battle with Judaism. We have a choice. We must start talking as Jews."

Hartman added that Kahane "does not exhaust all Israel's evils."

Darawshi agreed stopping Kahane is the first step in a grassroots Arab-Jewish dialogue because of what he sees as a continuing shift to the extreme right in Israel, especially among youth.

He said Israeli Arabs are treated as second class citizens, "and sometimes as third and fourth class" citizens.

Some of the trappings of discrimination against Arabs in Israel include paying three times the tuition fees Jewish students pay in university; receiving as little as one-third the social assistance Jews get and having to carry an identity card, he explained.

And an Arab MK could never say the things about Jews Kahane says about Arabs in the Knesset, Darawshi added.

Hartman said if it were up to him, Arabs in Israel would be treated as equal partners alongside Jews "because that is what Judaism tells me."

One way to promote dialogue, he noted, would be to teach the Koran in schools along with the Old Testament.

The evening was sponsored by the New Israel Fund, a group that finances various social action programs in Israel, including ones that work toward peaceful Arab-Jewish coexistence.

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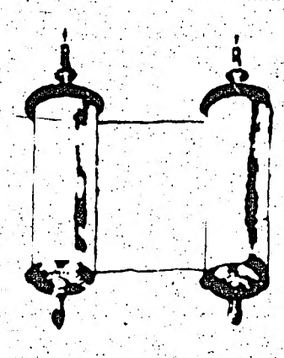

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Chanukah 5746

In the greatest darkness there is always light. We have to have faith.

The Lubliner Rabbi, author of Nodah Bishe'arim, was also a prosperous businessman. His dayan (religious judge), on the other hand, was very poor.

The rabbi always reminded the dayan that a Jew should never complain. "Chayav adam livareich al hara'ah kishaym shemivareych al hatovah — A person should bless G-d for the bad just as he blesses Him for the good. . . ."

Once the rabbi invested in a huge order of lumber, which he wanted to export. A calamity occurred, the lumber was swept away by a flood, and the loss was in millions. No one wanted to tell the evil tidings to the rabbi, so the dayan was chosen.

The dayan entered the rabbi's study and entered into a conversation about suffering: "Is it true that a Jew has to bless G-d for bad as well as good?"

"Yes."

The dayan told the rabbi about the calamity. The rabbi said nothing, just one startled "Hüh!"

Said the dayan: "Even the 'huh' was unecessary."

And it became a saying in Lublin: "Even the 'huh' is unecessary. . . ."

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The whole life is one big huh? Who knows what life brings from day to day?

Consider . . . the Talmud asks "Mai Chanukah? What's Chanukah?" Every other holiday is mentioned in the Torah — but how did we get Chanukah?

The Talmud tells the story of the miracle of the lights; the great victory — and then adds: "The next year it was established and made into a yom tov with Hallel and thanksgiving. . . ."

Strange! A great miracle took place. The overwhelmingly powerful enemy was defeated. A little bit of oil that should have gone one day lasted for eight days. The hand of G-d was almost palpable.

Why wait a year? Right then — "oifen aurt" — they should have established a holiday, Chanukah!

Answered Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Kook: They waited a year because they were wise. They wanted to see — what will happen from this miracle? Where will it lead to? Victory? Fine! But what happens the day after the victory. Will the peace last? Will the lights burn?

Not everything we see as good is good, and not every tzures is bad. Too many big weddings end up in big divorces, bitterness and sadness. Big deals can G-d forbid lead to big heart attacks.

And from suffering? (May we never know it.) Out of the crucible of pain, of fear, of uncertainty, a person can purify himself, elevate, focus, become a true mensch.

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Chassidim approached their rebbe. The rabbis teach that you must bless G-d for the bad just like the good. But how can you thank G-d in your heart when suffering befalls, when bad things happen?

"Ask that Jew who sits behind the oven," advised the rebbe.

They asked the Jew, who happened to be a saintly person. He shrugged: "Why ask me? Nothing bad ever happened to me in my life!"

May the little Chanukah licht bring into our hearts orah v'simcha, light and rejoicing, our tzures be burned away, our brethren and sisters redeemed in the places of their imprisonment, and redemption come swiftly as ABC — Good Shabbes.

Alumni show strong bonds to Yeshiva U

TORONTO —

An active alumni of successful professionals, business leaders, rabbis and Jewish educators will encourage Canadian enrolment and involvement in Yeshiva University," Rabbi Jerome Lipsitz told ther first meeting of the Toronto alumni of Yeshiva University.

Lipsitz, recently appointed national director of the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University, noted that the large turnout indicated the strong bonds that the alumni have with the university. Over 100 Yeshiva University alumni reside in the Toronto area.

The meeting was hosted by Lily and Enrique Fenig, both alumni of Yeshiva University, and was chaired by Toronto businessman Moshe Bessin, also an alumnus, who serves as Toronto vice-president of the Canadian Friends.

Rabbi Avishai David, recently appointed rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot and a graduate of Yeshiva University's rabbinical school, delivered a Dvar Torah.

Several alumni present, including Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education; Rabbi Marvin Pachino, headmaster of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto; and Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, are in their second generation of involvement with Yeshiva. Several of their children attend the university.

Commenting on a recent survey which found that an extremely high percentage of Yeshiva graduates are accepted to outstanding graduate schools, Witty stated: "This exceptional level of achievement is a credit to out alma mater whose dual program of intensive torah study together with an excellent secular course of study provides the students with the capability to become knowledgeable and committed members of the Jewish community."

Lipsitz told the alumni of the newly established Bora Laskin Scholarship Fund through which the university will have an opportunity to attract many more Canadian students.

"We hope to raise $3 million in Canada which will be invested here, and the interest will be used solely to help Canadian students attend Yeshiva University," said Lipsitz. At present, he noted, there are more than 60 Canadian students attending Yeshiva University and 20 are from Toronto.

The next alumni gathering is planned for January.

Seen at a recent meeting of Toronto alumni of Yeshiva University are (from left) Moshe Bessin, Toronto vice-president of Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University; Rabbi Avishai David, rabbi and rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot; Rabbi Jerome Lipsitz, national director of the Canadian Friends; and Lily Fenig and Enrique Fenig, hosts for the evening.

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Jewish Home for the Aged residents fill a basket with food for the Scott Mission.

Food baskets for Scott Mission

Baycrest aged help needy

By
JORDANA HALPERN

TORONTO —

A group of residents in Baycrest's Jewish Home for the Aged has embarked on a project to help needy families in Toronto.

Moved by recent media reports of fellow Torontonians going hungry, six 10th floor residents are encouraging staff and residents to help fill baskets with kosher, non-perishable food, to be delivered to the Scott Mission on Spadina Rd.

"It needs to be done, so we're going to do it," says resident Ida Rubin.

The residents belong to a culture group, and meet weekly to discuss current affairs.

"It makes all of us feel very sad to read about the acute shortage of food for young people," says resident Sam Bronstein. "We know what these people are going through because we saw it ourselves during the Depression."

Dr. Alex Zeidman, executive secretary at the Scott Mission, says this is the first time a group of seniors has organized a donation of food. It is also the first time the mission has received a donation of kosher goods.

"We were really delighted to get their call," says Zeidman. "Applications for food are up this year, so the donation is greatly appreciated."

Members of the culture group say that if enough residents and staff contribute to the food baskets, they will extend their donation project past the holiday season. They are also asking their relatives and visitors to assist them with contributions.

"There are a lot of needy families in this city who can't afford to eat," says resident Rose Koffman. "It's a good feeling to help people when they need you."

"Those people need our help just as much as the person in a hospital does and we can't turn our back on them," the rabbi said.

Chaplaincy head urges volunteerism

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —

To volunteer or not to volunteer, that is the question.

But there is no question in the mind of Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, director of chaplaincy services for the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Rabbi Steinberg spoke recently to the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am brotherhood breakfast meeting about the underside of the Jewish community and the importance of volunteering one's services in aid of people who have found themselves in difficult, trying situations.

"I find my work extremely rewarding and I don't think I'd exchange it for anything."

Steinberg often visits jails in and around the Metro area to give counsel and advice to Jewish inmates.

"People in the community often tend to forget or ignore the fact that there are Jewish inmates in jail.

"But they are there and they need our help and assistance to integrate back into society when they are released."

Steinberg said that people are often surprised and tend to feel that people in jail or a mental institution are not really part of the community. It's this attitude that Steinberg is trying to change.

"I had a great volunteer 10 or 11 years ago who would help out any cause but would refuse to help inmates in jail, which was a shame.

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Peter Griffiths, who addressed Young Adults and Young Lawyers program, chats with some of the committee members involved with organizing the evening. Seated are Perla Arditti, and David Lepofsky. Standing from the left: Barry Edson, Rob Schachter and Rebecca Egier.

Paul Brownstein, Community Services Division Chairman, presided at the initial 1986 campaign meeting of communal professionals.

This division, of necessity, begins its campaign activities much later than everyone else. It's due to the fact that most of those involved are employed by United Way member agencies, and until mid-November, the United Way campaign takes precedence.

Now that they've had their UJA kickoff, it's go, go, go, right to the finish line.

Walter Hess, United Israel Appeal Executive Vice-president, was a guest speaker at the opening breakfast meeting which was held at Baycrest Terrace. He spoke of economic conditions and the imminent social welfare needs in Israel, while **Steven Ain,** Toronto Jewish Congress Executive Director, brought the professionals up to date on what's happening locally.

Also present at the meeting was Campaign Chairman **Jack Gwartz.**

There was professional representation from Baycrest Centre, Jewish Family & Child Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Board of Jewish Education, TJC, UJA, Jewish Community Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, Israeli-based institutions and Jewish professionals working in non-Jewish public agencies.

In attendance were: **Maurice Benzacar, Eric Feldbloom, Moshe Greengarten, Mark Gryfe, Ellis Katsof, Rick Kaufman, David Marks, Lorne Miller, Steve Rudin, Dan Ruth, Sam Ruth, Bernie Shoub, Rupert Shriar, Rhea Shulman, Paul Soren, Gordon Wolfe.**

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Our man Zvi is back in town — **Zvi Garcy,** of course. As always, we're keeping him busy, taking advantage of his expertise as a speaker and as a canvasser "par excellence."

A week ago Sunday, Zvi was the keynote speaker at the Stashiver Society UJA luncheon meeting and on the following Wednesday, he addressed the final leadership breakfast meeting of the year.

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And speaking of breakfast meetings, the attendance at the weekly Wednesday get-togethers has been phenomenal. Wednesday morning after Wednesday morning, the meeting room has been filled to capacity with amazingly bright and alert divisional chairmen, eager to give progress reports . . . and remember it's only **7:45 a.m.**

It's not just the food that brings them out. It's also the topnotch speakers who have covered a variety of subjects both topical and crucial to our understanding of what we are all about as Jews and the role of UJA in all our lives.

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Business & Professional Women's Network has a noteworthy program coming up on Monday, December 9. It is "an evening with the **Hon. Barbara McDougall,**" Minister of State for Finance.

It begins at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Admission is $5.00 per person. For pre-registration call 635-2883, ext. 145.

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Since retiring from business a few years ago, **Dave Green** has embarked on a "second career" at UJA.

Fortunately, he doesn't want or expect remuneration for the hours he puts in canvassing just about every weekday morning at the UJA head office. for all we know, he's making calls from home as well.

He's doing a fantastic job for the Business Division and several others, we're told. We're grateful there's a Dave Green around who's so totally dedicated to "getting those cards completed" and take this opportunity to express our thanks.

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There's been a mixture of veterans and up-and-coming UJA campaigners at the series of Business Division telethons during the past week or two.

With Chairman **Harvey Rosen** to cheer them on (and Harvey always has the faculty of coming up with a joke or some corny bromide), it's been business and pleasure at these telethon evenings. Joining Harvey were **Paul Bloom, Nat Cales, Bill Clarfield, Bill Dunn, Paul Ezrin, Irving Green, Nat Hurwich, Willian Leibach, Martin Lubotta, Nelson Reuben** and **Shoel Silver.**

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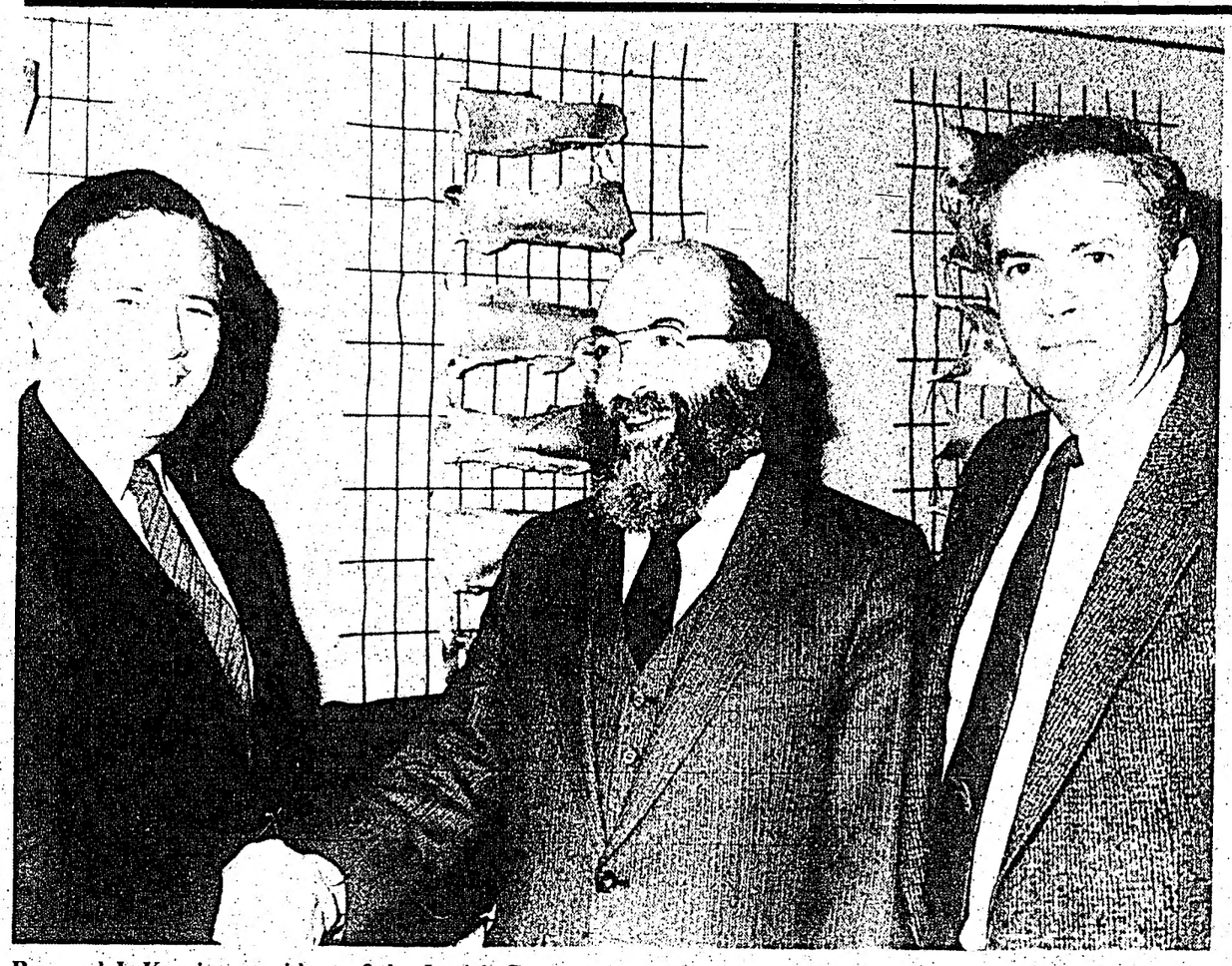

Bernard J. Kamin, president of the Jewish Community Centre, (left) shakes hands with novelist Chaim Potok at the Jewish Book Fair as Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial relations, looks on.

Advice for young drivers

OTTAWA —

Young Canadians Are Responsible Drivers. Help Us Prove It! is the theme of the Canada Safety Council's 30th annual safe driving week, Dec. 1 to 7.

Drivers age 25 and under are involved in more traffic accidents causing death, serious injury and property damage than any other age group of Canadians, the council says. Its statistics show that about 1,500 Canadian teenagers die each year in traffic accidents — the No. 1 killer of young people today.

According to police reports, the most dangerous time frame for traffic fatalities is between 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Young drivers are often inexperienced, lack good judgment, often drink and drive, are willing to take risks, and exhibit feelings of aggression and alienation while driving, notes the safety council.

The solution, the council argues, must include the following:

- Parental supervision combined with mandatory safety education programs prior to reaching driver licencing age.
- A driver licencing system incorporating a graduated drivers permit with heavy financial penalties and licence suspensions for non-compliance.
- Universal alcohol and drug control policies and procedures.
- School based programs, such as Students Against Drunk Drivers, must be implemented and co-ordinated on a national level.
- Special insurance schemes with incentives for safe driving.

During this safe driving week, the Canada Safety Council encourages young people to take extra precautions when driving: Remember, don't drink and drive, wear your seat belt and drive defensively.

Includes heritage languages

Book Fair lectures popular

TORONTO —

The Heritage Language Series at the recent Toronto Book Fair proved to be a success and elements of it will probably be retained in the future, according to the book fair's director.

Helen Redner told The CJN that everyone seemed pleased by the new series which included an evening of classic Jewish readings of humor. This program attracted about 300 people, she said.

"There's a strong Hebrew speaking presence that has to be programmed for," said Redner.

The series was designed as an outreach program for groups and individuals on the fringes of the Jewish community and included Hebrew, Hungarian, French, Russian and Yiddish lectures.

While no figures were available, Redner said that overall, the book fair was successful with "terrific book sales and fine attendance" including the lecture given by Chaim Potok which was sold out.

New concept in housing

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The Prince Charles Housing Project is a prime example of what can be achieved when government, private enterprise and the volunteer sector work together, says minister of state for finance, Barbara McDougall.

"The project is an extraordinary achievement not only for what it will accomplish but how it was accomplished," McDougall said recently at a breakfast meeting of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood.

The Prince Charles Project, conceived and operated by the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, is an apartment house (under construction) at the corner of Bathurst and Prince Charles that will house families, singles and the disabled.

"Those who can afford full rent will live with those who can't. The disabled will live side by side with those who are not disabled. The disabled will become part of an integrated and caring environment and seniors will no longer be sent to homes especially designated for the elderly," McDougall said.

She said it is a concept that "I hope will set a new trend in affordable and compassionate housing which not only offers shelter but provides an enriched quality of life for all its residents."

She praised National Council of Jewish Women and said that their work "typifies the deep involvement and concern which come together to make Toronto a desirable and rewarding place to live."

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Chanukah mail

Bubbie, zayde getting letters from aineklach

TORONTO —

Looks like bubbie and zayde are a big hit with the aineklach (grandchildren). At least they are if the kinder at Bayview Glen Public School in Thornhill are any indication.

It seems the Jewish kids in grades 1 and 2 have taken to the idea of writing letters to the mythical bubbie and zayde who reside in Nome, Alaska (CJN Nov. 21). Whether the children know the pair are mythical is another story.

Writing to bubbie and zayde is something of an innovation at Bayview Glen, where the non-Jewish kids at this time of year usually write to Santa.

We give you here an edited sampling of some of the letters from the grade 2 classes of teachers Sarah Burakowski and Isabelle Costa and from the grade 1 class of teacher Tamara Tiefenback. The teachers, who saw the CJN story about the Jewish version of Santa, thought it would be a good idea for the kids to write to bubbie and zayde.

Dear bubbie and zayde,

I have a white bed. My teacher is very nice and she gives us easy work. I like the work she gives us. I hate when she yells. We take some candles on Chanukah and put them in the menorah and we light the candles. I get a toy for Chanukah from my mom and dad. I go to my grandma and grandpa's house and we eat chicken and chicken soup for dinner. Have a nice Chanukah.

Love, Laura Farberman
Grade 2

Dear b & z,

My daddy is fine. My mommy is fine. Eric is alright and David is okay. I have a little cold. We go to some one's house on Chanukah. We have dinner and open our presents. I want you to come to my house to visit. Can you get my mom and dad a box of candies and give them to me to give to my mom and dad. Please have a happy holiday.

Love, Stacey Mayzel
Grade 2

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Dear b & z

My name is Melanie. I love celebrating Chanukah because I like how you light the menorah each night on Chanukah and sing songs to celebrate. Have a wonderful Chanukah.

Yours, Melanie Kapelas
Grade 2

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Dear b & z

I like to play dreidel and light the menorah. I like presents. I like to eat latkes.

Love, Bryan Icyk
Grade 1

* * *

Dear b & z,

I light the menorah and we play dreidel games on Chanukah night.

Love, Jay Feidman
Grade 1

She'arim auction proves success

TORONTO —

More than 350 people, parents, students and friends of She'arim Hebrew Day School attended the school's 3rd annual fund raising auction, and they bought everything up for bids.

"Everything went, every thing . . . there wasn't a thing left," says Edie Kalb, a member of the parents association. And "everything" included everything — from Veronica Tennant's ballet slippers to a television set, to a baseball signed by most of the players of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Held in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, the auction raised about $8,000 (though the final tally has not been made, Kalb says) after expenses.

She'arim is a small, 6-year-old school with 43 students from grade 1 to junior high. It was begun by Rabbis Joseph Kelman and Irwin Witty and the principal is Elaine Rubinoff.

Going once, going twice, sold! to the highest bidder at the She'arim Hebrew Day School auction. Auctioneer Barry Katz is helped by assistant Erika Spivak in offering all types of merchandise for sale, including the golf bag slung over his shoulder. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Has telling impact

Campers' Ethiopian ordeal

TORONTO — A 1-day re-enactment of Operation Moses at Habonim Dror's Camp Gesher last summer had a telling impact on the youngsters involved.

So much so, they decided after their return home to donate their own pocket money to the United Jewish Appeal Ethiopian Jewry Fund.

The episode began with the awakening of campers during the night. After a hurried "whispered" briefing, they left in groups for a 2-hour walk to a "waiting plane in Sudan" which would take them to "Israel."

The following morning the "immigrants" were "absorbed" in their new homeland.

"The playing out of the various stages of Operation Moses made it more real and understandable," said director Zelas.

Six members of Habonim Dror came to UJA headquarters during a Dentists Division telethon, where they presented a check for $295 to the division co-chairman, who accepted on behalf of the UJA Ethiopian Jewry Fund.

Jewish diabetic group meets for first time

TORONTO — A self-help group has formed to facilitate the Jewish lifestyle and observance within the dietary and medical framework required by those who have diabetes.

The new group, Jewish People with Diabetes, held its first meeting recently at the B'nai B'rith Building at 15 Hove St.

Alan Shefman, national director of BB's League for Human Rights, and a diabetic himself was instrumental in setting up the program in conjunction with the Canadian Diabetes Association, Toronto branch, says group member Dorothy Zeifman.

About 25 people attended the inaugural meeting, says Zeifman. She reports that there has been "a real lag" between the offerings of Canadian Diabetes Association and the specific needs of Jews who have diabetes. It is a situation the group hopes to remedy, she added.

The discussion at the meeting focused on three topics: new foods on the market, such as diet pop, and how they affect a person with diabetes; emotional support from family members and in community hospitals; and, how to deal with dietary aspects of Shabbat and the holidays.

Early education, doctors' support and self-help groups are all instrumental in helping a person with diabetes live day to day, says Zeifman whose "credentials" include living with diabetes for over 40 years.

To keep that mutual help going, the group has scheduled its next meeting Jan. 27, 8 p.m. in the B'nai B'rith building on Hove, and Zeifman says regular meetings are planned.

For that meeting, she says, participants are asked to bring a recipe, and in return will receive a complete Shabbat menu broken down into food choices. Guest speaker will be Anna Brundage, coordinator of the diabetes education centre at Branson Hospital.

For more information about the group, contact its coordinator, Esther Schwartz at 782-2176.

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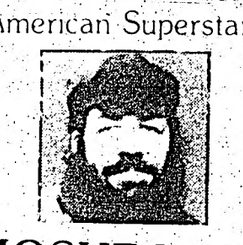
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Peacekeeping, anti-terror fight backed by McDougall

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The Canadian government is committed to working with all interested parties to achieve a lasting peace in the Middle East, Canada's minister of state for finance said at a recent testimonial dinner in her honor.

Barbara McDougall, MP for St. Paul's, told over 500 people at the B'nai B'rith Toronto Regional Council Israel Bonds dinner that over the past 37 years Canada has supported every peacekeeping mission in the Mideast and will continue to do so in the future.

"Our Prime Minister (Brian Mulroney) recently announced a further involvement of Canada in the Sinai peacekeeping force when we were requested to participate by the governments of both Egypt and Israel," McDougall said. "Canada is not a neutral country. We can never be neutral in the struggle for freedom. We know whose side we're on. We're on the side of justice and peace and freedom."

McDougall stressed the importance of fighting against terrorism in all its forms to ensure that people can travel freely "without having to be concerned about what impact their religion might have upon their safety.

"Terrorism is not something we as Canadians — or as a government — can ever treat lightly. We must remain vigilant and guard democracy because wihout democracy we will never enjoy peace or freedom."

McDougall praised B'nai B'rith and the League for Human Rights for its part in providing an "early warning system" to the government about "illegitimate" activities.

Frank Wilson, immediate past president of Toronto Regional Council, led off the proceedings by introducing the head table following brief remarks by dinner chairman Ralph Fisher who read a telex from Prime Minister Mulroney. In the message, the PM wished Ralph and Isabella Snow "mazel tov" on their 40th wedding anniversary.

Among the head table guests were the Snows, Frank and Florence Dimant, Ralph and Edith Fisher, Jules and Fran Kronis, Joseph and Visia Shabes, Monte and Irma Kwinter, Harry Bick, Rabbi David Monson, Cantor Louis Danto and his wife Rouhama and Israeli consul general Gideon Saguy and his wife Meri.

VIP guests

Fisher also singled out the many prominent guests in attendance including MPs John Oostrom and Bill Attewell; MPPs Alvin Curling, Bruce McCaffrey and David MacFadden; Mike Cohen, president of PC Metro, Charles MacMillian, principal advisor to the Prime Minister, Judge Phil Givens, Al Duffy, mayor of Richmond Hill, Sheila Herzog Bessin, national executive director of Canada-Israel Committee, Patti Starr, chairman of the National Council of Jewish Women Foundation, Nita Goldband, president of Toronto section of NCJW, Rabbi Moshe Silverman, director of B'nai B'rith-Hillel Foundation and Don Jubas, past presdent of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Snow, co-chairman of the steering committee and first vice-president Toronto Regional Council, made toasts to Canada and Israel and Alan Borden, immediate past president of BBC, led the menorah lighting ceremony assisted by Jean Leaman, Janet Enright and Nancy Leaman. Invocation was given by Morris Flicht, past president of TRC, and Frank Wilson, immediate past president of TRC, made the hamotzi.

After dinner Joe Shabes, president of TRC, welcomed all to the testimonial on behalf of the 28 BB lodges in Toronto, saying they were "honored" to have a genuine friend of Israel as their honoree.

Harry Bick, president of B'nai B'rith Canada brought greetings from the board of governors praising McDougall for her commitment to human rights and outlining the many areas of BB's involvement.

"B'nai B'rith takes pride in its achievements for the past 22 years," Bick said. "Our programs have taken us into many facets of Jewish life. Our growth is indeed cause for us to celebrate."

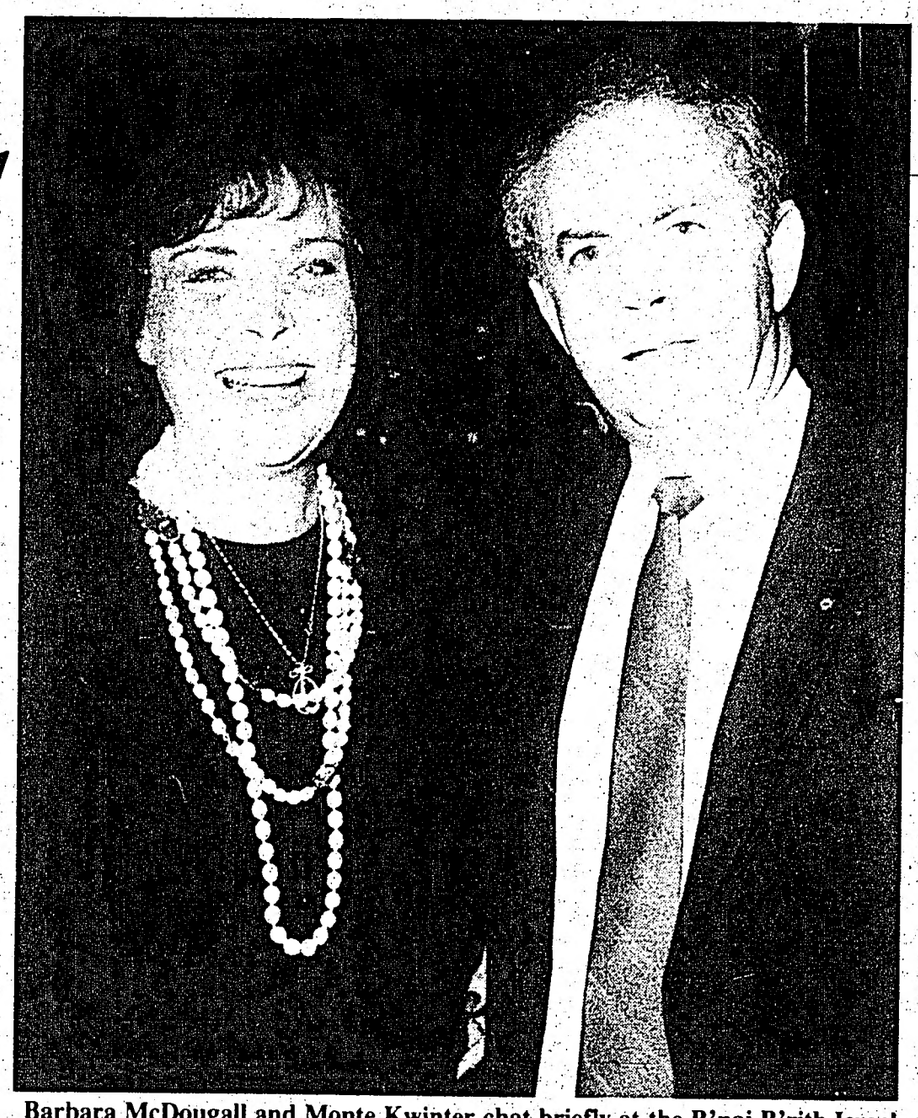
Monte Kwinter, minister of commercial and consumer relations and founding president of TRC, brought greetings from the Ontario government and described his recent "historic" visit to Israel. During his trip, he said, he had the opportunity to visit the Yad Vashem memorial where he met the new ambassador from West Germany.

After McDougall's speech in which she stressed the importance of the Deschenes Commission's efforts to bring war criminals to justice, Jules Kronis, co-chairman of the steering committee, thanked the guest of honor and led the Bond sales campaign.

"The teachings of our sages is that words that emanate from the heart reach the heart," Kronis said. "Barbara, your words have touched us. They have come from the heart and have come from your experience and your love of the State of Israel. They have reached us and have touched us."

Prior to Fisher's closing remarks, Gideon Saguy, consul general of Israel, presented McDougall with a plaque marking the occasion. Saguy touched on the importance of the recent Geneva summit between the superpower leaders and the necessity of purchasing Bonds to help Israel.

"What we have to do is to work together like two democracies — a very big one and a very small one — to bring about the economic freedom of the State of Israel," said Saguy.



Barbara McDougall and Monte Kwinter chat briefly at the B'nai B'rith Israel Bonds dinner in her honor. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Organizations and People

Olim Shelanu

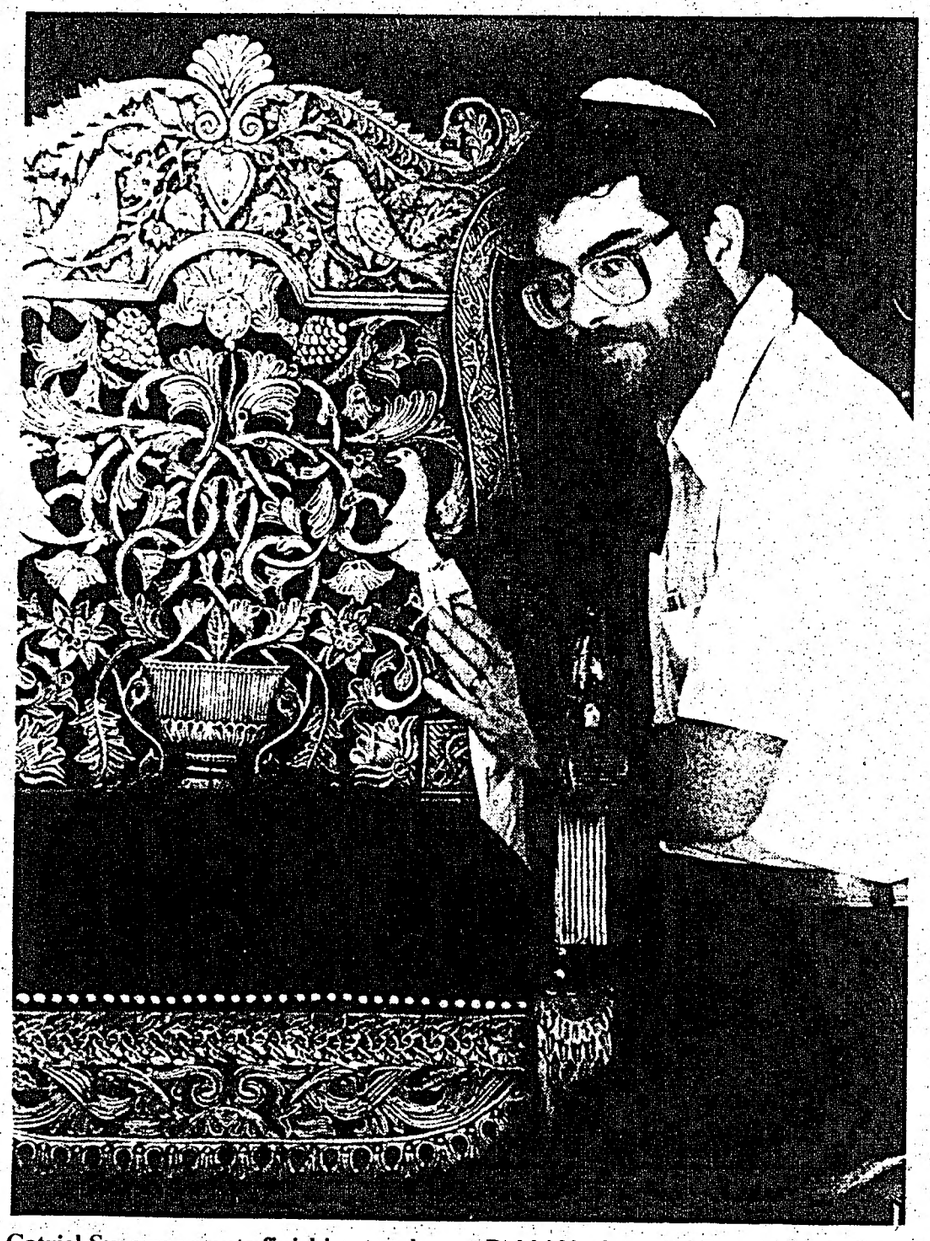
Jerusalem refinishing shop adds new triumph

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Mazel tov to **Hedi** and **Catriel Sugarman** on the increasing renown of their Jerusalem shop specializing in making and refinishing religious objects of rare woods. They are still basking in hearty yasher koachs for their most recent triumph, the refinishing of the 180-year-old chair made for the mystic chassidic master Rabbi Bachman or Bratslav.

They started their shop, called Catriel, five years ago.

Heidi is the daughter of **William** and the late **Zelda Chenani** of Montreal. A McGill University graduate in physiotherapy, Heidi made aliya in 1969. She and Catriel, a native of Syracuse, NY, whom she met at Camps Ramah and Moshavah, were married shortly afterwards, returning to Montreal for the wedding. They have two children, **Ariel,** 5½ years old, and **Zohar,** nearly 6 months of age.



Catriel Sugarman puts finishing touches on Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav's chair. [Joel Fishman photo]

Catriel and four other craftsmen make Chanukah dreidles, spiceboxes, etrog containers, greggers and other ritual objects out of exotic woods imported from Brazil and Sri Lanka. They are intricately carved, and decorated with mother-of-pearl, silver and gold.

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Rabbi Nachman's chair entered the shop as a heap of dry wooden bones and emerged some 10 months later as a warm glowing structure with every minute detail of bird and beast restored.

Catriel and his staff also recently restored a massive aron kodesh (Torah cabinet) in Mea Shearim's Karliner Synagogue. The aron, measuring some 10 feet high and 8 feet wide, has been there for a long time, but exactly how long, nobody knows for sure. "There were no written records about it," Catriel told Olim Shelanu. "The old men remember that it was there when they were little."

Catriel's shop is located just west of the Old City in Jerusalem, at 17 Yohanan MiGush Halav St. The phone number is 02-94150.

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Housing prices are continuing to drop, albeit slowly. Uncertainty about what will happen after the price freeze, increasing unemployment approaching the unprecedented Israeli high of 10%, and real wage erosions of 20% and more have dampened the real estate market considerably.

Such conditions can present good opportunities, both in new homes or apartments and in resales. Potential buyers may benefit from a thorough professional inspection of the premises before signing, of the unit's construction, layout, workmanship, electrical facilities, kivoonim (sun and wind directions are especially important in Jerusalem and other hilly areas) and plumbing.

A pioneer in the inspection field in Jerusalem is a construction engineer from Los Angeles, **Ira Braverman,** at 3 Aliya Ha'Noar St. in Ramot (a Jerusalem suburb); phone 02-877296.

Braverman, by the say, who managed multi-million dollar projects in L.A., is a fine example of how latent entrepreneurial skills are sparked in olim. He started his service two years ago when he was laid off his first engineering job here after three months. He was earning U.S.$420 per month.

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Want to know more about wages?

Police officers' families have been demonstrating — police themselves are forbidden by law to demonstrate — for higher wages. According to newspaper reports, police officers have quit the force at least temporarily to drive taxis or run felafel stands. Detectives with 12 years experience were taking home the equivalent of $320 (U.S.) per month of workdays often 12 hours or more long.

This reporter's wife, teaching English part-time, has been earning, after taxes, the equivalent of $1.25 (U.S.) per classroom hour. That does not include transportation cost or time.

An accomplished dentist from England who made aliya three years ago is commuting between three part-time practices in the Jerusalem area in an effort to establish himself and to pay for food, rent and clothing entirely out of earnings and not from savings. His wife and children are not happy about his prolonged absences from home.

In one article, Pinchas Landau, the financial reporter of The Jerusalem Post, described the wage structure as a "slave economy."

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The influx of U.S. aid and other funds and the continued government printing of shekels, combined with dropping productivity, suggest that inflation will be as high as ever once the freeze is eased.

Religious peaceniks call for compromise

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

We must strive for peace in Israel above all else, even it means making a compromise on land that is rightfully ours, says an Israeli educator and member of Oz V'Shalom/Netivot Shalom, a religious peace movement in Israel.

"Ultimately, peace is more important than land and if we want Israel to live in peace with Arab nations, we must be prepared to give up some land," said Deborah Weissman recently.

Weissman, speaking at Beth Sholom Synagogue, told the audience that Zionism has always been humanistic and she wants it to remain that way. "We don't want to become like our enemies because that would be a victory for them in the worst way."

Weissman explained that the ideals of her movement differ from those of Gush Emunim, a religious movement in Israel that sees "settling territories as their highest goal. They feel tied to the land both biblically and emotionally and are willing to fight for it."

She said Oz V'Shalom/Netivot Shalom sees security, not emotion or sentiment as the major reason for settling the territories. "If a territory is not essential to the security of Israel then it's not necessary to fight over it."

She said the Torah stands not just for Israel but for peace. "There are few things in religion that we must give up a life for. Land is not one of them."

She added that although land plays an important role in Israel, "people play a more important role."

Weissman acknowledged that ruling over Arabs in the occupied territories and pre-1967 Israel is a problem which has no easy solution.

"It is easy to say expel them, but some of these people have been Israeli citizens since 1948. You can't just throw them out," Weissman said.

She added that "we could give them the right to vote but that would be a threat to Jewish majority. Or else there could be an administrative arrangement under which the Arabs could become citizens of an Arab country and Israelis remain citizens of Israel. It is a big problem that must be worked out."

Weissman said that something has to be done about dealing with the human rights of Arabs.

She said that within Jewish tradition there have always been different trains of thought. "What our movement wants is to preserve a delicate balance between extreme universalism and chauvinism — between those who embrace everyone and those who think only of themselves. Somewhere in between is the best place to be."

Not so many

TORONTO —

In the article on Print Three in the Nov. 14 issue of The CJN, Jack Banks, president of the firm, is quoted as saying that the business is expected to expand to 12,000 to 15,000 stores in the next five to seven years. Projected expansion is actually expected to reach 1,200 to 1,500 stores.

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Spivak could offer Grossman some sage advice

Sidney Spivak

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

If new Ontario Tory head Larry Grossman wants some savvy advice about leading the opposition, he can give Conservative political veteran Sidney Spivak in Winnipeg a call.

Spivak has been politically active for more than 30 years. He was elected as an Manitoba MLA in 1966. He served as president of the provincial Progressive Conservative Association in 1969-70 and was elected party leader the next year.

In 1975, after one general election campaign, he was defeated by Sterling Lyon in a leadership contest but remained in the legislature until the 1969 federal election when he took on Lloyd Axworthy and lost.

"There is a need for younger people in politics," says Spivak. "Theirs are the priority problems — jobs and unemployment. The fact we have a young prime minister is good. I encourage younger people to get involved."

This is not to say that Spivak at 57 is old, and he is still politically active. "A former leader always has some involvement," he said. "I am still involved in political campaigns in the sense of a senior advisor to the party and I did some minor work in Ottawa last year during the transition."

"Defeat probably saved my life," he said. "I was ill during the campaign. six months later, I ended up in hospital in Rochester (Minn.). I was out of action a year recuperating."

On returning "to the office," Spivak found a lot of things waiting for him. "In the last five years, I've done a number of things I've never done before," he said. He chaired a commission to help settle Vietnamese refugees. He has joined the board of the Winnipeg's International Centre, and that of the St. Boniface Hospital.

Spivak served on the board of governors of the University of Manitoba and chaired the Canadian Convention on Prevention of Crime and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He is on the national executive of the board of governors of Ben-Gurion University and is vice-chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Business enterprises have presented him with new challenges and extensive travel. "My government experience has been very helpful in my dealings with foreign governments. It carries an entree normal business activities don't necessarily have," he said.

His business interests have taken him to China, where he says, "Israel is always referred to as Palestine and thus identified on maps." The Chinese are really not aware of what takes place there, he added.

Spivak does not believe being Jewish was a handicap in his political career. "A small minority believed that but recent events indicate it is not a problem," he said.

"As a provincial political leader, I traveled extensively throughout the province. I found no difficulty meeting with or dealing with people and, in the 1973 election, the Conservative Party under my leadership came pretty close to beating Ed Schreyer whom polls indicated was one of the most popular political leaders in North America."

Koschitzky heads panel for CJC meet

TORONTO —

Julie Koschitzky has been appointed chairman of the arrangements committee for the Canadian Jewish Congress 21st plenary scheduled to take place at L'Hotel and the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, May 7-11.

"It's an opportunity for Jewish leadership to discuss issues of Jewish concern," Koschitzky told The CJN. "I'm proud to be a Jew, and to be part of Jewish history in the making."

The theme of the upcoming plenary will be Canadian Jewry — New Directions. Koschitzky said the committee is trying to slot in a number of speakers for the 5-day plenary. Stephen Lewis, Canadian ambassador to the UN will give the opening address, she said.

At the plenary, national leaders are elected by delegates to serve a 3-year term. The arrangements committee chairman said she is hoping for 1,000 to 1,200 delegates to attend.

Koschitzky said that as chairman of the arrangements committee she is responsible for overseeing 16 committees such as programming and financing, as well as looking after such areas as the delegates' lounge and helping to coordinate a commemorative book outlining the historical development of CJC's regions.

Canadian Jewish Congress has been the "parliament of Canadian Jewry" since 1919.

Koschitzky's community involvement includes: work with the CJC, chairman of the UJA Women's Division in 1984, Toronto Jewish Congress, Associated Hebrew Schools, Mt. Sinai Hospital Auxiliary, United Israel Appeal of Canada and the Council of Jewish Federations.

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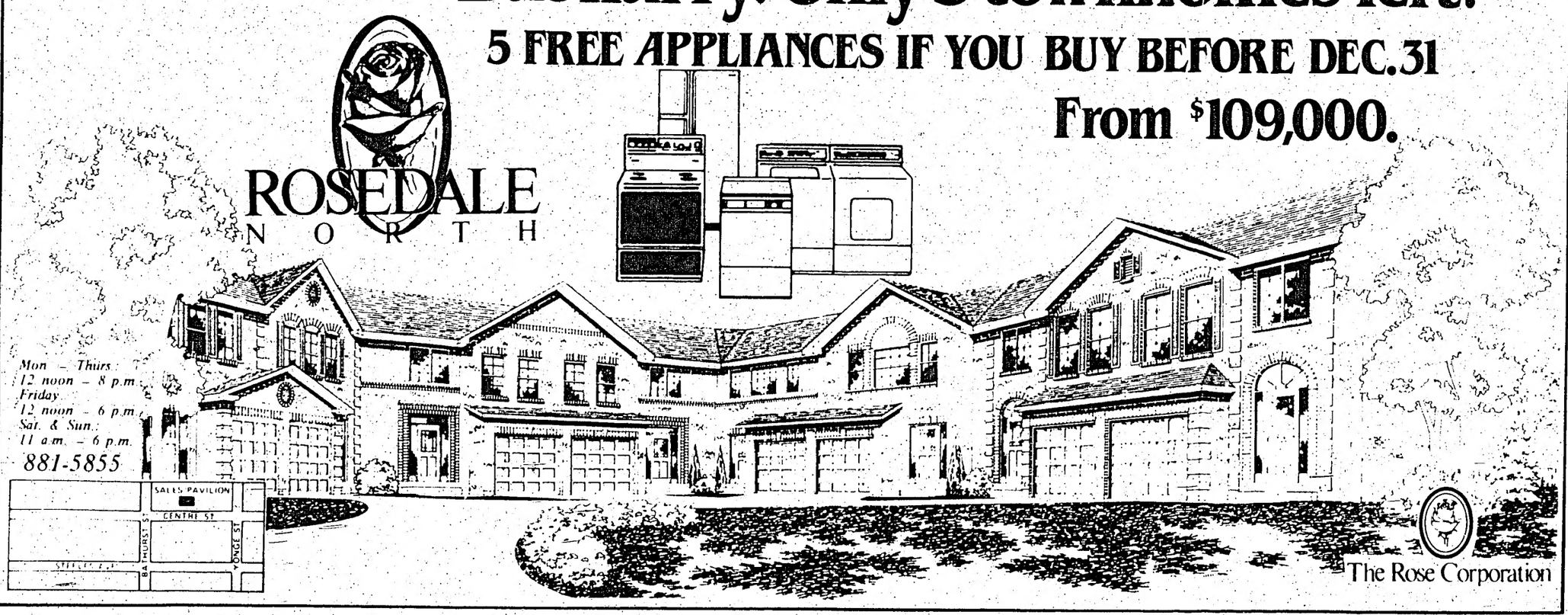

CJC Ont. Region executive approves proposal on "gets"

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, voted last week to approve the position on gets proposed by a broad coalition of Jewish and non-Jewish groups.

The motion approved "the principle and substance of the position presented in the John Syrtash report for amendments to the Family Law Act, subject to technical clarifications of concerns" dealing with the wording of one section of the proposed amendments, CJC chairman Les Scheininger told The CJN.

The motion also recommended the national officers of CJC adopt a similar position, Scheininger added.

Syrtash is the lawyer representing the Toronto Committee on Get, the Toronto Vaad Harabonim, B'nai B'rith Canada, and other groups who have called on the provincial government to amend the Family Law Act to make it easier for Jews to obtain a Jewish divorce — a get. (See story elsewhere in this issue.)

The vote on the motion followed about 90 minutes of debate which saw the CJC executive meeting open its doors to members of the public interested in the issue.

Shoshana Kurtz opened the deliberations by discussing the halacha of gittim (plural for get), tracing its history to a chapter in Deuteronomy which sets out the requirements for a legal bill of divorce.

Syrtash then told the meeting an opportunity now exists to influence changes to both the provincial Family Law Act, which deals with property division on marital breakdown, and the federal Divorce Act, which deals with divorce and maintenance, since both levels of government are considering changes to the legislation.

Syrtash, a Toronto family law lawyer outlined the brief he presented recently to a law and justice subcommittee studying amendments to the provincial law, noting the proposals address the problem of spouses using the promise of a get to extort favorable cash, property or custody settlements.

The proposals, modeled on legislation in New York State, would require someone seeking relief from the court to fill out a statement saying he or she had removed barriers to their spouse's remarriage.

(For observant Jews, failure to obtain a get, even if they were granted a civil divorce, would preclude them marrying again under Jewish law.)

Syrtash told the meeting he had received a letter from J.J. Robinette, one of Canada's foremost lawyers, giving his opinion that the proposals are consitutionally valid and do not infringe on Charter of Rights guarantees of freedom of religion.

Robinette's letter stated the proposals protect the interests of the state by not allowing a spouse to abuse religious rights to undermine divorces and other relief granted by a civil court, Syrtash said.

During the question period which followed the presentations, Elaine Todress noted the question of gets was "**the** women's issue — one of the most serious women face."

She pointed to what she termed the "economic" basis for the problem, and called for long-term solutions such as education in schools and counseling by rabbis prior to marriage.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson took issue with the wording of one of the subsections of the proposed amendments, saying it could conceivably open the door to judicial inquiry to examine what the section calls "the principles of the denomination held by the clergyman or minister who has solemnized the marriage."

He also argued there were no denominations in Judaism — that term is applicable to Christian circumstances, he said — and asked why rabbis were not included as those who solemnized marriages.

He was critical of those who drafted the proposal for not requesting input from the Conservative and Reform congregations, though they requested a view (which was favorable) from a Catholic Canon lawyer.

That led to a reply from Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, who charged Pearlson with fostering "divisiveness" and "obfuscating the issue of blackmail" the proposals are meant to address.

Shayna Kravetz, a lawyer who is a member of the Toronto Committee on Get, told the meeting of a woman who has been divorced, under civil law, for 10 years, but is ashamed to be seen in public because she has no get.

She acknowledged the proposals are "a bandaid solution," but it "will end the bleeding for (some) women."

In other business, Phil Unger, co-chairman of the political liaison committee reported on the recent reception at the Lipa Green Building for Ontario MPPs.

He called it a "successful affair" and "a worthwhile opportunity" for CJC members and MPPs to get to know each other.

He described the meeting as part of the general lobbying of the Jewish community to sensitize political leaders to Jewish concerns and history.

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FoodShare fights hunger problem

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
A different kind of music is being played across the street from venerable, old Massey Hall.

It's the sound of telephones ringing at FoodShare, a new organization which coordinates the acquisition and distribution of donated food to various agencies in Toronto.

FoodShare is aimed at raising public awareness, alleviating the immediate problem of hunger, and pushing for political reform to change the underlying causes, says coordinator Katharine Rajczak.

She credits Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton with having initiated the project and arranging for initial city funding.

FoodShare is not a food bank, Rajczak explains. It provides information to the public about emergency sources of food; assists the agencies to distribute the food as efficiently as possible, and seeks new sources of food donations.

Rajczak's involvement with the problem of hunger began about a year ago when she helped organize Give Up Your Lunch Day For Ethiopia.

The project raised more than $400,000 by convincing people to donate the three or four dollars normally spent on lunch to starving Ethiopians.

A journalist covering the event asked why the group didn't focus its efforts on local hunger, so two members, Ina Andre and Joan Clayton began Second Harvest.

Begun in April, Second Harvest redistributed about 2,500 lbs. of wholesome surplus food from supermarkets, bakeries and groceries to various social service agencies in its first month. Its deliveries have mushroomed since.

In September, Second Harvest approached Mayor Eggleton, asked what the city could do to help and made him their honorary patron.

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Eggleton generated the idea of a central clearing house for informing the public of food sources and helping to ensure the food would be efficiently spread to the 75-80 agencies in Toronto.

The pilot project has received a $20,000 grant from the city to fund it until Jan. 20, but Rajczak says it has been recommended that Metro Council continue funding until April.

Rajczak (the only paid employee) says FoodShare is planning to operate from 8.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. with volunteers manning the nine telephones seven days a week.

Apart from the many generous restaurants, bakeries and groceries that are donating their surplus food, Rajczak says several courier and delivery services are transporting the food to the agencies.

To enable individuals to contribute to the project, drop off points for the donation of canned goods only are being set up at firehalls across Metropolitan Toronto.

Rajczak adds that FoodShare has also applied for a charitable number so that individuals can give money contributions and receive a tax deduction. The money will be used either to help support FoodShare or given to the agencies to purchase food.

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Torah mantle may be heirloom

Precious Legacy visit hits home for Torontonian

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Imagine the astonishment Fred Mintz must have felt during a recent trip to the Precious Legacy exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum, which closed last week after an 8-week run.

After casually browsing at the priceless Judaica looted by the Nazis in and around Czechoslovakia during World War II, Mintz discovered a Torah mantle bearing his family name and stating it was donated to a shul in what was then part of Poland on the occasion of what was likely the birth of his great-grandfather.

" 'My God,' I thought," the 47-year-old office manager at Shopsy's told The CJN. "It was a big shock.

"We were just walking, looking at the exhibit. My daughter Judy came running and said, 'Daddy, look what I found!' "

What she found was a white linen Torah cover, embroidered with red cotton stitching, dated 1842 and stating that Aaron Mintz was donating it to a synagogue to commemorate the birth of his son, Joseph.

Joseph Mintz was the father of Moishe Joseph Mintz, who was Fred's paternal grandfather.

Moishe Joseph Mintz was born in Kielce, Poland in 1860, meaning Joseph Mintz was a father at age 18, a common occurrence in those days, Fred explained.

It was also common for Jews then to give a son his father's middle name, he added.

"Many times, my Dad had mentioned there was a Sefer Torah in the family. I can't prove this (mantle) is it, but the name is spelled the same and the date is right. In my mind, I'm convinced it's the same."

According to Diane Kenyon of the ROM, the Precious Legacy is the property of the government of Czechoslovakia. In 1949, the country's decimated Jewish community, too weak and undermanned to identify and catalogue the 140,000 items, donated them to the state museum, which is owned by the government. The agreement between Czechoslovakia and Canada to exhibit the artifacts contains "unbelievably complicated" provisions regarding descendants' claims to the goods, she added.

Mintz, though, isn't laying claim to the mantle right away. He says he's willing to wait until the Canadian tour of the Precious Legacy wraps up in Montreal next spring. But after that, he'll be consulting Canadian and Czech cultural officials to find out what the avenues are in legally obtaining the heirloom.

"I'm not holding my breath about getting it," Mintz admitted. "But I just can't let it go either..."

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Despite a 5-week long strike by cultural workers at the ROM, museum officials are ecstatic over the final attendance figures to Precious Legacy.

A total of 122,455 people saw the exhibit, 37,000 more than the museum anticipated, making it the most successful major exhibit at the ROM in the past three years.

The biggest spurt of visitors was in the exhibit's first three weeks, when attendance was up by 50% over the same period a year earlier.

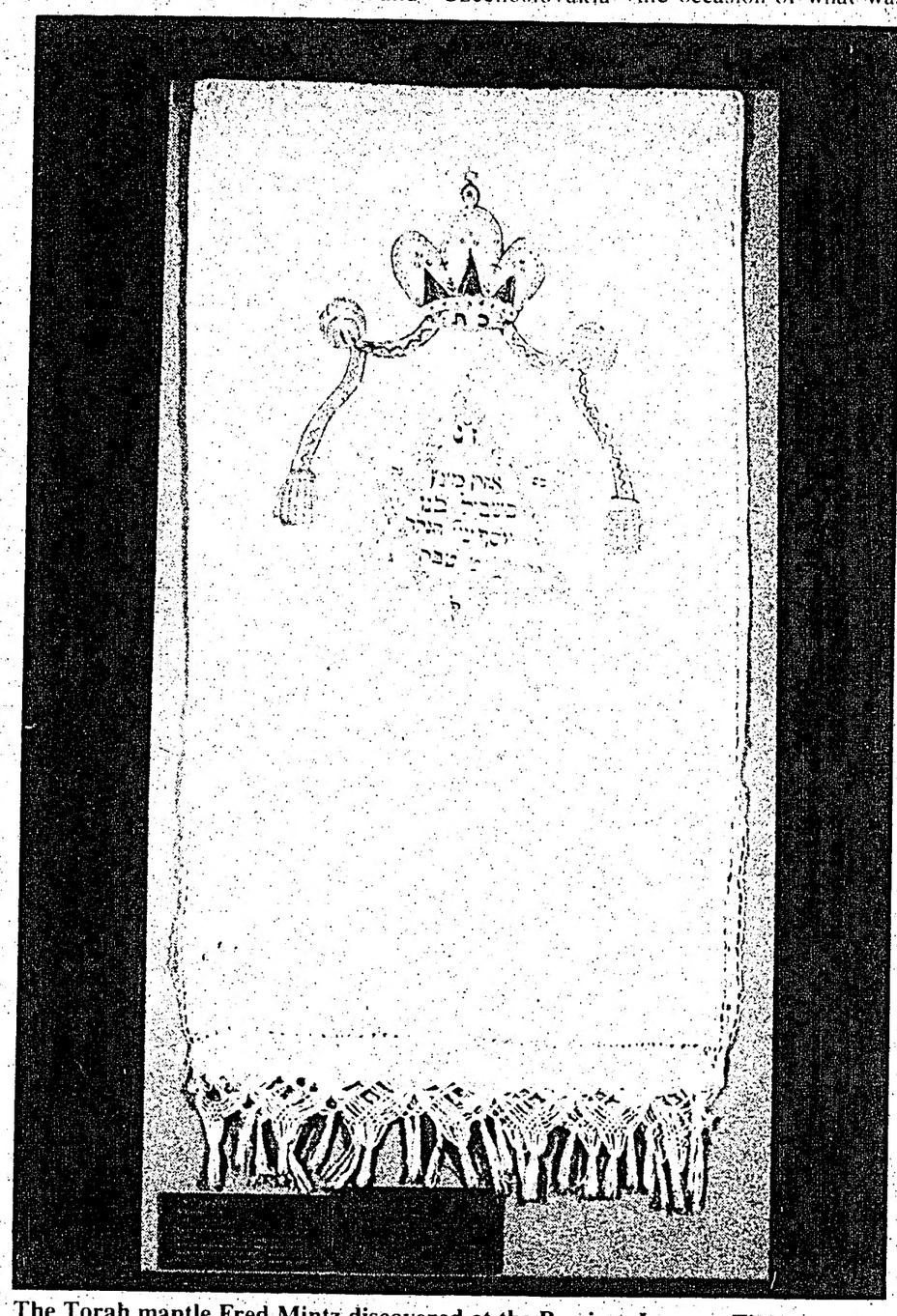
Even during the last few weeks, lineups on Sundays were long and people had to wait for up to an hour.

As well, almost 23,000 people took part in the approximately 60 concurrent programs at the ROM.

Sales in the museum's gift shop were up too, by 30% over the same time span a year ago.

The Precious Legacy will travel to Calgary's Glenbow Museum next, opening Dec. 30. It will make its last Canadian stop in Montreal in April.

The display has also sparked interest in Czechoslovakia. According to Czech cultural officials, tourism to Prague has risen by 40% since the Precious Legacy began in the United States two years ago.



The Torah mantle Fred Mintz discovered at the Precious Legacy. The inscription reads "This was donated by Aaron Mintz for his son Joseph who was born on the 9th of Teveth in the year (5)603."

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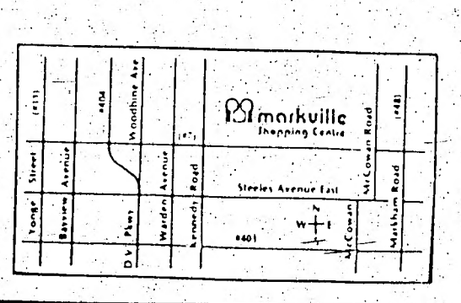

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Says Syria given veto on Jordan's peace moves

Blum voices pessimism on moves in Mideast

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

If the 175 people at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue were hoping to hear an optimistic report about a possible peace treaty in the Middle East, they were quickly disappointed.

Prof. Yehuda Blum lost no time at all in expressing his doubts that recent political maneuvers in the region would lead to an Israel-Jordan accord.

Speaking recently at the Florence and Harry Topper Annual Lecture, Israel's former ambassador to the United Nations acknowledged there are those who see serious movement in the direction of a peace treaty.

"I regret I'm unable to join those ranks," he stated, adding nothing in the Arab world has changed to indicate a willingness to recognize Israel's right to exist.

Contrary to popular misconceptions, it was that failure — and not Israel's refusal to return all territory captured in 1967 — that was "the root cause of the conflict," he told the attentive audience.

Turning to specifics, Blum methodically traced recent political and diplomatic developments, which he said reinforce his contention that peace is not at hand.

The recent warming of relations between Jordan and Syria is one such indicator, he stated. That "interesting twist" to Mideast politics between two heads of state who actively attempt to undermine each other was a counter to the recent Egyptian-PLO meetings, he stated.

Both Hussein and Syrian leader Hafez Assad share a suspicion and hatred of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, he said. They agreed to counter the "mini-summit" in Egypt and published a joint statement which stated there was no room for a separate peace between any single Arab state and Israel.

"That gives Assad a veto" over possible peace initiatives with Jordan, Blum noted. If Hussein and Assad are serious, then "the peace initiative, which never really got off the ground, is certainly dead."

Yehuda Blum

Hussein was disappointed with recent PLO diplomatic and terrorist activities, Blum added, which the king saw as undermining him at a time he was trying to portray an image of moderation to the U.S. administration.

Hussein and Arafat had agreed in February to a joint approach to negotiations — Arafat because he was left with no options in the wake of his Lebanon debacle; Hussein because he wanted to rehabilitate himself in the Arab world and because without the PLO he could not hope to negotiate about the West Bank.

They had even agreed to negotiate with the British in London and issue a joint statement, Blum continued, but the PLO "got cold feet" when the statement called for the right of Israel to live in peace.

That, coupled with PLO terror attacks in Cyprus and the Achille Lauro hijacking, led Hussein to believe Arafat was undermining his position while he was in the United States seeking advanced arms.

The result of these political machinations was a decision to warm up to one of Arafat's main enemies: Syria.

Blum attributed Egypt's moves to meet with Arafat as resulting of its desire to reestablish itself in the Arab fold and a feeling of being "left out."

Turning to the Israeli side, Blum delineated the Labor Party's "Jordanian option," under which Israel would retain East Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley and elevated points in Judea and Samaria, while returning the rest to Jordanian control in exchange for a peace treaty.

He spelled out Likud's desires to retain sovereignty over all Judea and Samaria while agreeing to autonomy for local Palestinians as spelled out in the Camp David Accords.

He noted there is no consensus in Israel on the future of Judea and Samaria.

Nevertheless, he said, it is "idle" to debate which option is better, since both are "unacceptable" to King Hussein.

Hussein cannot contemplate a peace agreement without return of East Jerusalem. Peace initiatives with Jordan, under these circumstances, are therefore "non-starters," Blum said.

Paradoxically, he noted, the Camp David Accords may have reduced chances of a settlement with Jordan, since Hussein may see the return of all Sinai to Egypt as a precedent for the West Bank.

Blum was introduced by Renee Topper, who said the lecture was timed to coincide with the yahrzeit of her father-in-law, Harry. (Harry Topper made the endowment for the annual lecture.) Victor Topper, Harry's son, thanked Blum, while Rabbi Solomon Spiro, who heads the Beth Tzedec adult education program, chaired the program.

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Effort to stay healthy can be sickening

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

The other day, a woman I have known intimately since birth suffered a bout of what can only be diagnosed as self-loathing. This is not, I assure you, a common condition in her life. It only comes occasionally, unexpectedly, rather like an attack of hypoglycemia.

During these bouts, she is unusually vulnerable to the hawkers of self-improvement. I will not embarrass her by reciting the list of leftovers from earlier self-loathing. Let's just mention the exercycle and the 10-pound bag of brewer's yeast and leave it at that.

This time, she found herself at the checkout counter of the bookstore with Jane Fonda's mid-life missive on health and well-being, Women Coming of Age. Mind you, the women might have been suspicious of any author who opens a chapter with the following line: "In the course of writing this book there have been times when I've actually hoped I'd have a hot flash."

Solid, convincing manual

But it turned out that the advice therein was written in the sensible, home medicine, everybody-up-for-volleyball style that she had come to know and love from her other attempts at healing. To wit: "We all have to work a little harder if we want to burn rather than store fat, it we want to be fiery furnaces rather than cold storage."

On the whole it was a solid, even convincing, manual for the care and maintenance of mid-life. Which, of course, made it worse.

You see, this woman figured out that if she followed all eminently worthwhile plans and prescriptions written by Jane, it would take a minimum of two hours per day. This did not include the time to drink the requisite eight glasses of water or to put the recommended wet tea bags on her puffy eyes.

This veteran of so many literary excursions into self-health decided at this moment that health has become the ultimate consumer industry of the middle-aged. It consumes more and more of the time of the middle-aged.

The major portion goes to what is called fitness. The most modest program of back and heart maintenance involves no less than five hours a week, if you skip the shower. You cannot do your "abdominals" in the car on your way to work, the way you can, for example, learn French from tapes. You cannot lower your blood pressure running for the bus. That you know.

Today there are any number of other regimens, each requiring only minutes a day, which are added one by one along with each birthday until you are into holistic overtime. By 40, the admonishments to keep your body together are a bit like the old warnings to keep your marriage together by applying makeup before hubby gets home. It's a grand idea, but you can only get the time if you tie the kids to the bedpost.

Fast food, for example, has been condemned by the nutritional board of health. That leaves slow food. This is the era of shop and chop. The cult of hi-fiber and low fat and fresh everything has increased the number of trips to the market, not to mention the cooking and chewing time, by an estimated 30%.

Add to that the care of the eating machine, i.e., the teeth. The woman in question has arrived at the stage of life where dental hygienists warn, "Your teeth are fine but your gums will have to come out." The average American hygienist, a major stockholder in floss, today prescribes a salvage plan, a middle-age evening ritual that has become the new national vespers.

This is to be followed by an elaborate skin-conservation program designed to roll back the tide of wrinkles. There are as many steps to the process of cleaning and lubricating the human face as there are products to be sold.

Of course, we have not yet added to this health and beauty clock the time required for meditation, biofeedbacking, memorizing the entire list of polyunsaturates, and deciding which sunscreen to apply when you leave the building to do required running.

No doubt there is some time to be saved in this health regimen. The moments you used to spend brewing coffee, for example, or shaking salt on your food.

But the overall principle is very simple. The older you get, the more time you are expected to spend on preservation. All this leads to a peculiar set of choices. The woman in question figures that she can spend her entire mid-life in a full-time effort to extend that life. Or she can live it.

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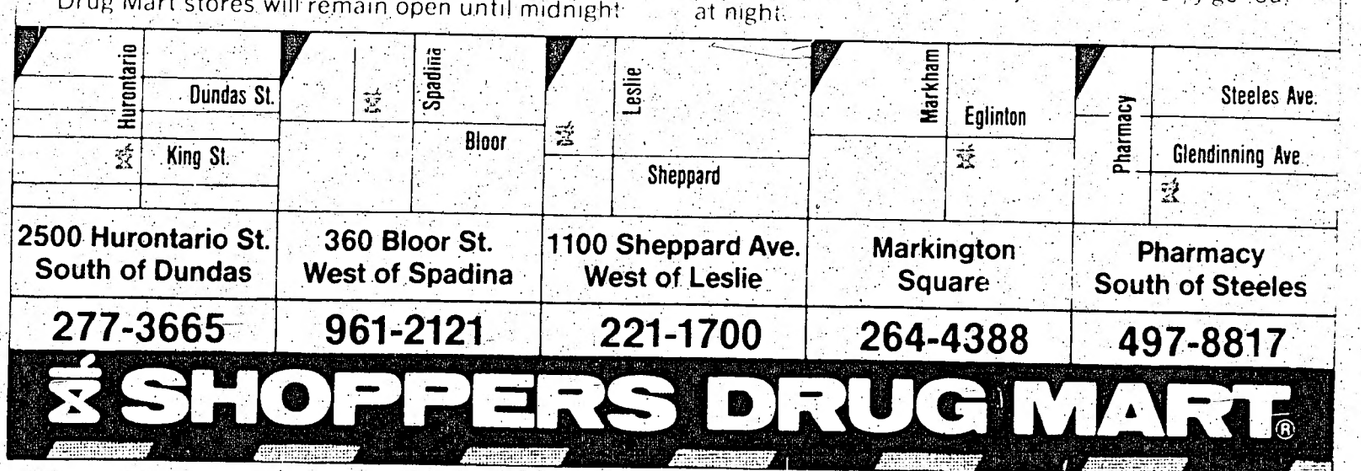

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Ontario apple is a most popular winter fruit

By
ESTHER FISHER

The old adage, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" may have its origins in rabbinic literature where, says the Encyclopedia Judaica, "the custom of sending apples to the sick is mentioned." That's not surprising, for apples are good for you. A medium size apple provides vitamins, minerals, fibre, helps clean the teeth and massage the gums . . .

and contains only 87 calories.

With the great abundance of Ontario apples — 9.5 million bushels estimated for 1985 — they are one of the most popular winter fruits for snacks, desserts and as ingredients in many types of baked and cooked dishes. At Chanukah, apples really shine — rosy ripe as a centrepiece for the table; in applesauce with latkes, for a meat meal; or apple cheesecake for dessert with a dairy meal; or in apple squares, that tried and true old pareve favorite — the very mention of which takes us back in time to mother's cooking and childhood memories.

Recently the Ontario Apple Marketing Commission held a promotion at which guests tasted nine varieties of raw apples, nine types of applesauce; of apple pies, and numerous tasty hor d'oeuvres garnished with apples. It was a real revelation, noting the texture, taste, moisture and quality of each variety, both raw and cooked.

McIntosh are wonderful eating apples; Northern Spies can't be surpassed for baking; Red Delicious are excellent for fresh eating; Golden Delicious are great in pies; Spartans are good both fresh and in pies; Cortlands, because they resist browning, are fine in salads; Idareds, at their best December to May, are firm, tart, and very good fresh or baked.

Two fairly new varieties are Mutsu, a firm juicy apple that tastes a little like a pear, and Empire, which is my all round favorite — firm, slightly tart, and delicious any way.

Here are recipes for apple confections for your Chanukah and winter meals.

APPLE SQUARES

6 Empire or Northern Spy apples
½ cup sugar
1 tbsp. cornstarch
1 tbsp. grated lemon rind
¼ tsp. cinnamon
2 cups pastry flour, sifted
2 tbsp. brown sugar
½ tsp. salt
½ cup vegetable shortening
1 egg, beaten
¼ cup orange juice
¼ cup fine, dry bread crumbs

Peel, core and coarsely chop apples. Measure out 3 cups apples. Add sugar, cornstarch, lemon rind and cinnamon. Mix well.

Sift together flour, brown sugar and salt. With pastry blender, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add egg and orange juice; mix lightly with a fork. Chill.

Roll half the dough into a ½-inch rectangle. Place in a greased 2-litre baking pan. Spread evenly with bread crumbs. Cover with apple mixture to within ½ inch of edges.

Roll out second half of dough; cover apples. Pinch edges of dough together. Cut long diagonal slits across top. Bake in 450 F oven for 15 minutes. Serve hot or cold. Makes 12 to 18 squares. (May be dusted with icing sugar, if desired.)

APPLE CHEESECAKE SUPREME

1 cup all purpose flour
¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup butter
1 pkg. (250 gm.) cream cheese, softened
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
1 egg
6 medium apples, peeled and thinly sliced
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
1 tbsp. lemon juice
¼ cup apple jelly

Combine flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Press evenly over bottom and 1 inch up the sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake at 400 F for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and reduce temperature to 350 F.

Beat cream cheese, ¼ cup granulated sugar and lemon rind until fluffy. Beat in egg, pour into baked crust.

Combine apples, remaining sugar and lemon juice. Spoon evenly over cheese layer; press down gently. Bake for about 35 minutes.

Melt apple jelly in small saucepan over low heat. Brush over surface of apples. Cool, then chill before serving. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Canine cookbook useful for pets and masters

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It has often been said that the quickest way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Now a new cookbook catering specifically to man's best friend may soon have your canine companion licking at your heels in rapturous delight.

Cooking for One of the Family, by Dr. Bernard Tonken, veterinarian at Companion Pet Hospital in Calgary, has an enormous wealth of information and practical tips for any concerned dog owner.

It has sections on feeding the older dog, the working dog, the pregnant dog, the dog with the upset stomach. As well it tells how to buy ingredients that are healthy and economical that a butcher would be happy to sell to you.

In fact, while you're busy preparing some mouth watering tidbits for Rover you just might be tempted to put a portion aside for your next party, as some recipes are also fit for human consumption.

One such recipe is for Chopped Liver Treat. Its ingredients include 8 oz. of beef liver, 2 hard boiled eggs and one ounce of chopped onion.

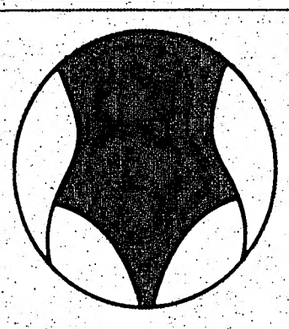
To prepare, saute the liver and salt to taste. Now saute the onions to a light brown. Cut up the liver and eggs, and then put the liver, eggs and onions through a meat grinder. After grinding, use a wooden bowl to chop it up again. While chopping, add enough vegetable oil to moisten well. Feed as treats or add two ounces to main meals.

If your dog is looking for a quick afternoon snack, you might want to consider some Buster's Bagels. Cut stale bagels into quarters and let them dry out. Your dog will certainly love them and you.

Tonken's many recipes have been taste-tested and time-tested on his own canine, Farrah, a lean, blonde German Shepherd Coyote-cross. She has awarded the recipes her "paw of approval" which can be found along with her picture at the back of the book.

Farrah will be in Toronto for an "autographing" session Dec. 5 at The Bay in the Hudson's Bay Centre at Bloor and Yonge (5th floor) and Dec. 6 at PJ's Pet Centre in Yorkdale Shopping Centre. Both will take place from 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Cooking for One of the Family is published by Canine Cuisine and sells for $12.95 at bookstores and pet shops in Toronto.



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Within "holistic" approach to wellbeing

Alexander Technique seeks to reduce tension

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

"Nervous tension, man's invention, is the greatest killer that's around today," go the lyrics to a contemporary pop song.

What the songwriter who penned those lyrics may not have known is that nervous tension and man's attempt to subdue it, have been around for many years.

In fact, about 90 years ago, an Australian actor and reciter, F. Matthias Alexander, came upon a method of reducing tension that still bears his name.

The Alexander Technique, though not widely known, is widely practiced. There are Alexander practitioners across Canada, England, and it is quite popular in Israel, says Robert Rickover, a Toronto practitioner and teacher of the technique.

In fact, he says, Israel "has probably more Alexander teachers than anywhere."

The premise of the Alexander Technique is that "most people sit, stand and move in ways that involve inappropriate habit patterns, often requiring unnecessary muscular tension," Rickover says.

Because these habits have been with us since childhood, we are not conscious of them and their effects. But by exerting conscious control over physical actions, those bad habitual patterns can be controlled and the detrimental effects on the body contained.

That attitude is firmly within the "holistic" approach to wellbeing, which looks at health as a matter of mind/body unity, Rickover says.

As an example of the physical/mental connection, Rickover points to incidence of migraine headaches, which he says are usually associated with excess tension around the face, neck and scalp that can be "unlearned."

People who are suffering physical discomfort — such as headaches or backaches — should realize "it's not happening in isolation. It's part of a pattern of misuse," Rickover says.

The Alexander practitioner's approach to a client during a session is quite simple, requiring no special instruments or examining areas. (In fact, the living room of his modest St. George St. apartment serves as his "office" as well.)

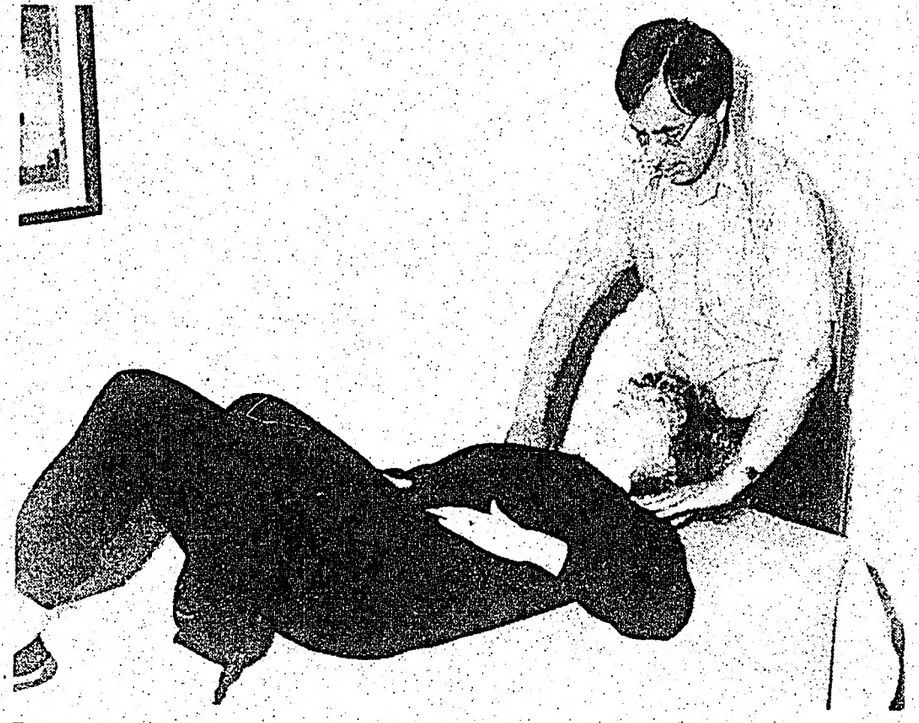
"During an Alexander lesson, the pupil acquires a greater degree of awareness of his habitual patterns," Rickover says. "The teacher also helps give the pupil completely new experiences in movement (by using) his hands to gently guide the pupil."

That gentle, guiding, hands-on technique has paid dividends for Gad Horowitz, a University of Toronto political science professor who came to Rickover complaining of physical discomfort on one side of his body.

Horowitz says he was also suffering from a "perpetual tightness of the jaw," which conventional treatment did not alleviate.

His chiropractor recommended he see Rickover, and since his first session three months ago, Horowitz has noticed "a lot of improvement." The complaints are almost completely gone. "I've almost forgotten what the discomfort was," he says.

Stiff and aching muscles are one complaint Rickover deals with, insomnia has been another. One of his clients — a 31-year-old lawyer who asked to remain unidentified — told The CJN the Alexander Technique was recommended to her by her doctor.



Robert Rickover demonstrates the Alexander Technique of reducing muscle tension. [Graphic Artists photo]

The lawyer says two months of the technique have helped her relax her muscles, especially at the back of her neck, and improve the quality of her sleep.

The sessions, held three times a week for the first two weeks and biweekly after that, have allowed her to fall asleep easier and wake up feeling better, she says. She also feels less fatigued and strained and more relaxed at work.

The technique was discovered about 90 years ago when Alexander, a Shakespearian actor, noticed he began to lose his booming voice midway through performances. Conventional medical advice didn't alleviate the problem, so Alexander attempted to sort it out himself.

It took him 10 years of observation, but eventually he determined he was misusing his body by throwing his head back and thereby narrowing the larynx.

Alexander came to see that maintaining a balance between head, neck and back — properly balancing the head on the neck — was a key to avoiding his problem.

Ninety years later, performing artists comprise a large proportion of Rickover's clients. They come to him interested in improving the quality of their performances, and not necessarily complaining of specific maladies.

Rickover stresses the technique is not therapeutic, but is an instructive means of preventing unwanted tension from building in the body.

Singers, Rickover notes, "almost always tighten their necks and hunch up their shoulders, constricting their throats and preventing passage of air. That leads to more gasping for breath."

Dancers, he continues, often achieve upright posture by excess tension in their backs and necks, resulting in a loss of flexibility. He works with them to maintain a straight posture without that tension, he says.

Before he could be an Alexander practitioner, Rickover studied in England for three years. He is now one of about 30 teachers in Canada, and he warns there are unscrupulous people about who claim to be practitioners though they're not qualified.

Before relying on one, he suggests checking if they are certified by either the Society of Alexander Teachers or the Canadian Society of Alexander Teachers.

For more information, contact Rickover at 961-7405 or the Canadian Society at 487-0567.

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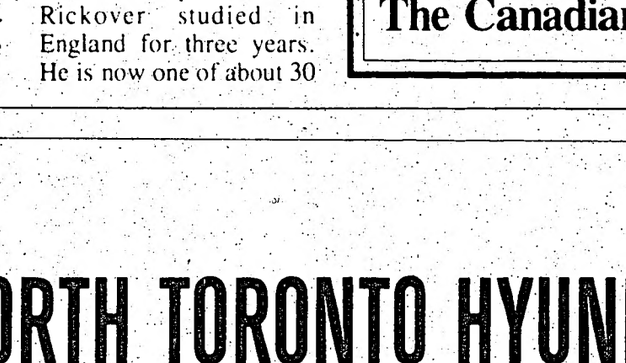

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Low calorie latkes provide treat for calorie-conscious

Lower calorie latkes can help diabetics control their disease and weight watchers control their weight during Chanukah festivities, says Ada Kahn, author of Diabetes Control and The Kosher Diet.

Foods fried in oil are traditional for the holiday because the miracle with which Chanukah began involved oil. Latkes (fried pancakes) are a popular tradition in many homes. Chanukah foods can be disastrous for those on controlled diets because of the calories in fat.

To prepare Chanukah taste treats such as latkes for those who have diabetes or are on weight-control diets, Kahn advises using less oil, frying on a no-stick pan, or using a vegetable pan spray.

Work safely while you prepare your latkes. Place batter mixture in the pan carefully so you do not splash hot oil. Be sure to regulate the heat so that the oil does not get too hot and burn.

These are some of the suggestions for modifying traditional cooking for a healthier Chanukah in Diabetes Control and The Kosher Diet (Wordscope, Inc., Skokie, Ill., 170 pages, $9.95).

Following are two recipes from the book for making lower calorie latkes that are appropriate for persons on controlled diets.

MINI-LATKES

4 white potatoes (2-inch diameter), peeled
1 tbsp. flour
1 egg, beaten
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
½ tbsp. dried chopped parsley
¼ cup vegetable oil or vegetable pan spray

Coarsely grate potatoes and pat dry on paper towels. You will have about 2 cups of grated potato. To the potatoes, add the onion, flour, egg, salt, pepper, nutmeg and parsley. Mix well.

Heat the oil in a large frying pan. Place 3-4 large spoonfuls of the potato mixture a few inches apart on the pan. Fry until browned and crisp. Then turn and fry on the second side. Place the finished latkes in a slightly warm oven while frying the remaining latkes. Serve with plain yogurt or sugar-free applesauce. Makes 8 latkes (double the recipe for more servings).

To reduce the calorie count of each latke, use a vegetable pan spray instead of vegetable oil for frying. Each person can then have two or three Mini-Latkes.

CAULIFLOWER LATKES

1 lb. fresh cauliflower, cut up
1 tbsp. pareve diet margarine
1 small onion, chopped
3 tbsp. unseasoned bread crumbs
1 egg, beaten
Salt and pepper to taste, or use chopped parsley instead
¼ cup less 2 tbsp. oil or omit oil and use vegetable pan spray.

Remove stems and leaves from the cauliflower head. Wash it and break it into flowerets. Cook it in a large pan of boiling water, uncovered, at a high heat, for 10-15 minutes or until very tender.

Heat 1 tbsp. pareve diet margarine in a small frying pan. Add onion and saute over a low heat about 10 minutes or until soft and golden.

Drain cauliflower thoroughly after it is cooked. Mash it with a fork until only small pieces remain. Add breadcrumbs, egg, sauteed onion, and seasoning and mix well.

Heat oil in a large frying pan. Take 1 tbsp. cauliflower mixture and press it together to make a compact. Flatten into a patty about ½-inch thick and slide it into the pan with a spatula. Fry 8 latkes at a time.

Fry until brown on each side (about 3 minutes per side). Carefully turn with a spatula. Repeat with remaining batter. Drain latkes on paper towels. Keep them warm in a 300 F. oven with the door open to prevent the latkes from becoming dry. Makes 16 mini-latkes.

MORE THAN SIZE

Size alone does not indicate the true value of the diamond. Before buying valuable jewelry consumers should learn as much as possible about how stones and metals are graded. Search out a reputable, helpful jeweler and draw on his knowledge.

Holiday goodies for dieters found at food emporium

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Dieters yearning for a Chanukah treat will love shopping at Old Country Style Foods.

With such goodies as 32 flavors of sugarless candies including pina colada, green apple and coffee, pareve sugarless ice cream and sugarless jams, the store is a dieter's delight.

Owner Shlomo Izchaki, who claims to have 1,250 different items in stock, says that his philosophy is to make everyone happy.

"Dieters can have our sugarless foods, those leaning towards health foods have a line of natural foods to choose from and we also carry a full range of candies with sugar," he says.

He thinks mothers will be happy to serve their children fruit juice-sweetened cookies that come in such flavors as carob swirl and oatmeal raisin. All natural honey graham animal cookies and ginger honey animal cookies should make a hit with the kids.

Pareve sugarless soft ice cream in a range of flavors including strawberry, peach, cherry, apple and pineapple has only 75 calories for 3 ounces, and will "satisfy any dieter's taste for ice cream," Shlomo says.

Cooks will be pleased to note that Old Country Style Foods has 128 varieties of spices available in bulk. "By buying in bulk you save 85% of the cost of packaged spices," says Shlomo.

"For those who want the taste of wine or champagne we carry a non-alcoholic line . . . or if it's tea you are after we have 150 varieties ranging from strawberry to black currant to carob mint," Shlomo adds.

He also features 32 different kinds of coffee including raw coffee beans that some customers prefer to roast themselves. "I also mix five blends myself.

"Our kosher pasta made from ground artichokes has made a hit because it is fewer calories than regular pasta and tastes very good," Shlomo claims.

He notes that he also carries 30 items that contain no salt, including ketchup, soya sauce, chips and cheese.

"I'll order anything a customer asks for if we don't have it. One woman came in looking for pareve wholewheat unsalted pretzels. We didn't have them but I found them for her," Shlomo says.

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Wedding ring is a symbol of contractual relationship

By
EVELYN HOFFMAN
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Q. I bought my fiancee an expensive wedding band with diamonds. We have been advised that a plain band has to be used for the ceremony. Can I borrow one and where does this custom come from?

A. In order to answer your question properly, we inquired and received the following information from a rabbinical authority.

Over the centuries, to standardize the ceremony, the ring became the item that a groom gave to his bride as a symbol of the contractual relationship that marriage entails.

The fact that the Jewish marriage becomes legal after the groom places the ring on the bride's finger and says (the formula of betrothal) "Behold thou are consecrated unto me with this ring, according to the law of Moses and Israel," makes it a requirement that the groom must own the ring.

Since the ring you purchased is not suited for the ceremony itself, it is perfectly acceptable to buy a plain wedding band from a relative or friend for just the purpose of the ceremony for a nominal amount — i.e. one dollar — to be sold back to the person immediately afterwards.

One reason for using a plain band is that the emphasis should be placed on the spiritual rather than the material value.

Another explanation for this is that at the sacred moment of marriage there should be no difference between rich and poor.

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Q. Our children's wedding date is just a few months away. All our arrangements have been made including the printing of the invitations. Now to our dismay we find that our caterer is not accommodating, and there are so many extras and hidden costs over and above what we thought we had agreed upon. We are terribly aggravated. Can you suggest something.

A. It is most important to shop around for all your wedding needs and services. Shopping for a caterer and location for the wedding is no different than shopping for flowers. There can be a substantial difference in the costs, since catering constitutes the largest expense of the wedding.

This caterer may be an exception to the rule. Most are happy to sit down and outline what is included in their cost to you and what are extras.

Sometimes you cannot help being taken in . . . but you must know enough when to get out.

You must now make a firm decision. If you can get the caterer's contract rescinded and if time permits to have new invitations printed (if necessary), look for a new caterer. If this cannot be done you have no alternative but to accept the cost.

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Q. Should the name of a deceased parent appear on the invitation?

A. We believe there are three partners in the creation of a child — God, the mother and the father. All three partners rejoice at the wedding of their children, whether they are there physically or in spirit.

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Q. Why do some brides and grooms fast on their wedding day?

A. Ancient tradition advises the bride and groom to fast on their wedding day from dawn until after the wedding ceremony. This practice is followed by Orthodox and some Conservative Jews.

One reason for this tradition is that we believe that the sins of the bride and groom are forgiven on their wedding day. Because it is a day of forgiveness it is akin to Yom Kippur as symbolized by the fasting.

There are certain holidays when fasting is not required. Please consult your rabbi when planning your wedding to see if you are required to fast.

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Evelyn Hoffman and Myra Feldman, wedding consultants and coordinators, answer questions regarding Jewish weddings, in which they specialize. If you have a question, write them c/o The CJN or call Myra at (416) 781-2526 or Evelyn at (416) 638-2803.

Candy firm creates gifts that last long after eaten

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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Lori added that kosher candy is available upon request.

A child's candy arrangement has made quite a hit, says Lori. "We take a bright plastic mug and fill it with bubblegum and chocolates. Kids just love it."

Lori, 24, says that she and Danita, 23, graduated from university last year and were looking for a business that demands a creative touch.

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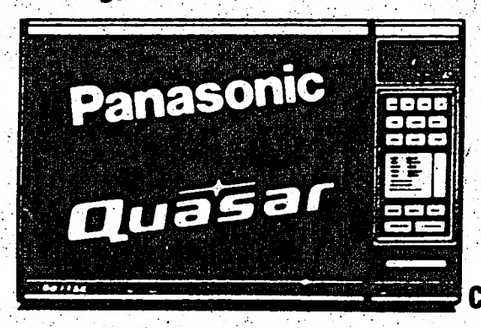

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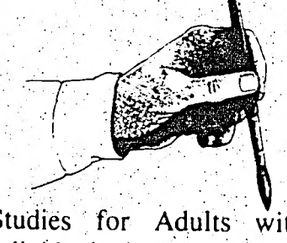

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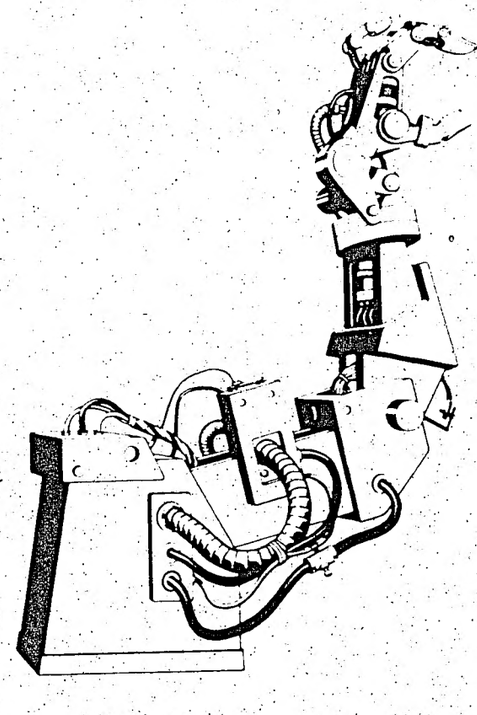

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Cost: $50, non-members $65.
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Cost: $50, non-members $65.
Baby Blues: Ages 2 years and Moms. Music with instruments, movement, songs, finger plays, circle games. Mondays 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Cost: $50, non-members $65.
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Cost: $50, non-members $65.

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Cost: $50, non-members $65.
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Cost: $50, non-members $65.
Jumpin Gymny Cricket: Ages 2½-4 years and Parent. Gym. Sundays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
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PRE-SCHOOL GYMNASTICS PROGRAMS

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Cost: $48, non-members $63.
Mother/Toddler Gym: Ages 2½-3 years. Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Thursdays, 10:45-11:45 a.m.
Cost: $48, non-members $63.
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Gym 2: Ages 4 years. Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
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Gym 3: Ages 5 years. Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $48, non-members $63.
Rattles And Rolls: Ages 6-8 months and parent. To assist babies physical awareness. Wednesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m., 1:00-1:30 p.m.
Cost: $30, non-members $45.
Creepers Caravan: Ages 8 months to walking. Active play for parent and babes. Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 a.m., Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m., Tuesdays, 1:00-1:30 p.m.
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Cost $30.00, non-members $45.00
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Time: Sundays, 12:30-1:30
Cost: $30.00, non-members $45.00
Rhythm and Rhyme: Ages 5-7/8-11 9 sessions
Songs, stories and musical games to introduce young people to the world of music.
Time: Sundays, 2:00-3:00 (ages 5-7)
Sundays, 12:30-1:30 (ages 8-11)
Cost: $30.00, non-members $45.00

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Sundays, 1:30-2:30 (ages 8-11)
Cost: $40.00, non-members $55.00

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Cost: $30.00, non-members $45.00
Now You See It — Now You Don't: Ages 8-11 9 sessions
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An introduction to drama through theatre games, movement, mime, and improvisations.
Tuesday, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Cost $35.00, non-members $45.00.
Super Club (Ages 13 years plus)
Emphasis is on socialization and life skills through a supervised dinner hour.
Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cost $35.00, non-members $45.00.

Move n' Mingle (Ages 16 plus)
A recreational dance program offering modern and folk dance instruction and refreshments.
Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Cost $35.00, non-members $45.00.
Life Skills (Ages 12-19)
Socialization and life skills enrichment (outings, films, and discussions).
Thursday, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Cost $35.00, non-members $45.00.
Pottery Class (Ages 13 years plus)
A ceramics course teaching a variety of basic hand building techniques.
Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Cost $65.00, non-members $70.00.

Fitness Class (Ages 13-19)
A fun thirty minute class of exercises and sports.
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Cost: None, must be a J.C.C. member.
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Problems of identity and conversion

Who is a Jew controversy outlined by rabbi

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

We are moving even to the point where we scarcely know who is and who is not a Jew, Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet told the audience at the second anniversary lecture of the Hebrew University Alumni recently.

Schochet came to that conclusion after a methodical presentation on the related problems of Jewish identity and conversion.

Speaking on Who Is A Jew?, Schochet, professor of philosophy at Humber College and rabbi of the Kielcer Congregation, began by explaining the origins of the conflict.

With the adoption of the Law of Return in Israel in 1950, he said, a Jew anywhere in the world could go to Israel and receive citizenship automatically.

Because that law did not answer questions about who was a Jew, a subsequent law passed by the Knesset in 1970 defined a Jew as someone either born to a Jewish mother or who had undergone conversion.

But this law did not stipulate that the conversion be "according to halacha (Jewish law)," he said.

Since then there has been constant agitation in the Knesset to amend the law to recognize only those who have been converted halachically, the rabbi said.

"What is the definition of a Jew?" the rabbi asked, dismissing racial or national descriptions.

The halacha states that a Jew is someone who is born to a Jewish mother or who has converted in the halachic way, he answered.

Judaism demands, he said, that converts join "out of sincere motivation, out of conviction and not out of ulterior motives such as marriage."

Conversion is completed by accepting the acts of faith and observance, Schochet emphasized, not merely by performing the necessary ritualistic acts (circumcision and mikveh for men, mikveh for women).

A conversion therefore "not based upon these premises," or not administered by an accredited Beth Din (religious court) is not valid, Schochet concluded.

The problem arises when other groups sanction conversion without following these procedures, said Schochet referring to the Conservative and Reform movements.

Orthodoxy rejects the conversion methods of these movements, he stressed, not the individual members' status as Jews.

"Anyone who denies that Reform or Conservative Jews are Jews denies his own Judaism. A Jew is a Jew is a Jew."

Because converts accepted by one group will not necessarily be accepted by another this causes grave problems, he said.

The Reform movement now accepts patrilineal (based upon the father) descent as valid for determining Jewish status, a stance accepted by neither Conservative nor Orthodox Jews, said Schochet.

And the Conservative movement itself is split between those rabbis who have accepted the movement's decision to ordain women rabbis, and those who have not.

If a woman rabbi is not accepted even by members of her own movement, Schochet said, then her conversions will also be denied validity.

According to an internal poll conducted by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the official organization of Reform rabbis, 50% of member rabbis will perform an intermarriage without asking for conversion, Schochet said.

That same poll revealed that 15% of member rabbis are professed atheists and 30% are agnostics, he added.

For the Orthodox, Schochet said, the issue is "not a power trip. It is a headache and at the same time a responsibility.

"The tragedy this brings about for religious Jews who are careful not to have mixed marriages is that they will have to keep genealogical tables.

"That is why the law of who is a Jew must be ammended according to halacha."

The organization sponsoring Schochet, the Hebrew University Alumni of Canada, has about 400 members in Toronto and about 1,000 across the country.

Begun two years ago, says Reena Zeidman, president of the Toronto organization, it acts as a focus for the activities of former students.

For more information about the alumni association contact Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University at 789-2633.

CHAT alumni hold reunion

TORONTO —

More than 400 students, almuni, teachers, staff and friends of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto gathered recently for a reunion celebrating the 25th anniversary of the school.

Held at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, the reunion was organized by the alumni association, says co-chairman of the association, Mike Zeldman.

To mark the occasion, former teachers at the school Jack Burke and Ronald Woollard were honored by the students — Burke representing the Hebrew faculty, and Woollard representing the English faculty.

Both Zeldman and his co-chairman, Debbie Zagdanski, welcomed the guests, and Burke and Woollard spoke, recalling past events at the school.

To entertain the members of the CHAT family, Michelle Green and the Tehilla Choir performed several songs in Hebrew and Nathan Rosen and Zaza provided music throughout the evening.

While students and teachers became reacquainted, slides and films of various classes were shown, and other memorabilia was shared.

The purpose of the evening apart from marking the school's anniversary, says Zeldman, was to kick off other alumni events.

The alumni association already has a floor hockey tournament with about 10 teams participating and donating the money raised from tees to the school.

Zeldman hopes the reunion will be the beginning of more activities for alumni such as cultural evenings with guest speakers, or operating career talks for students still attending CHAT. He credits the two staff advisors, Jerry Smith and Judy Novek, with helping to make the evening a success.

For information about future alumni activities, contact Jerry Smith at 431-1333.

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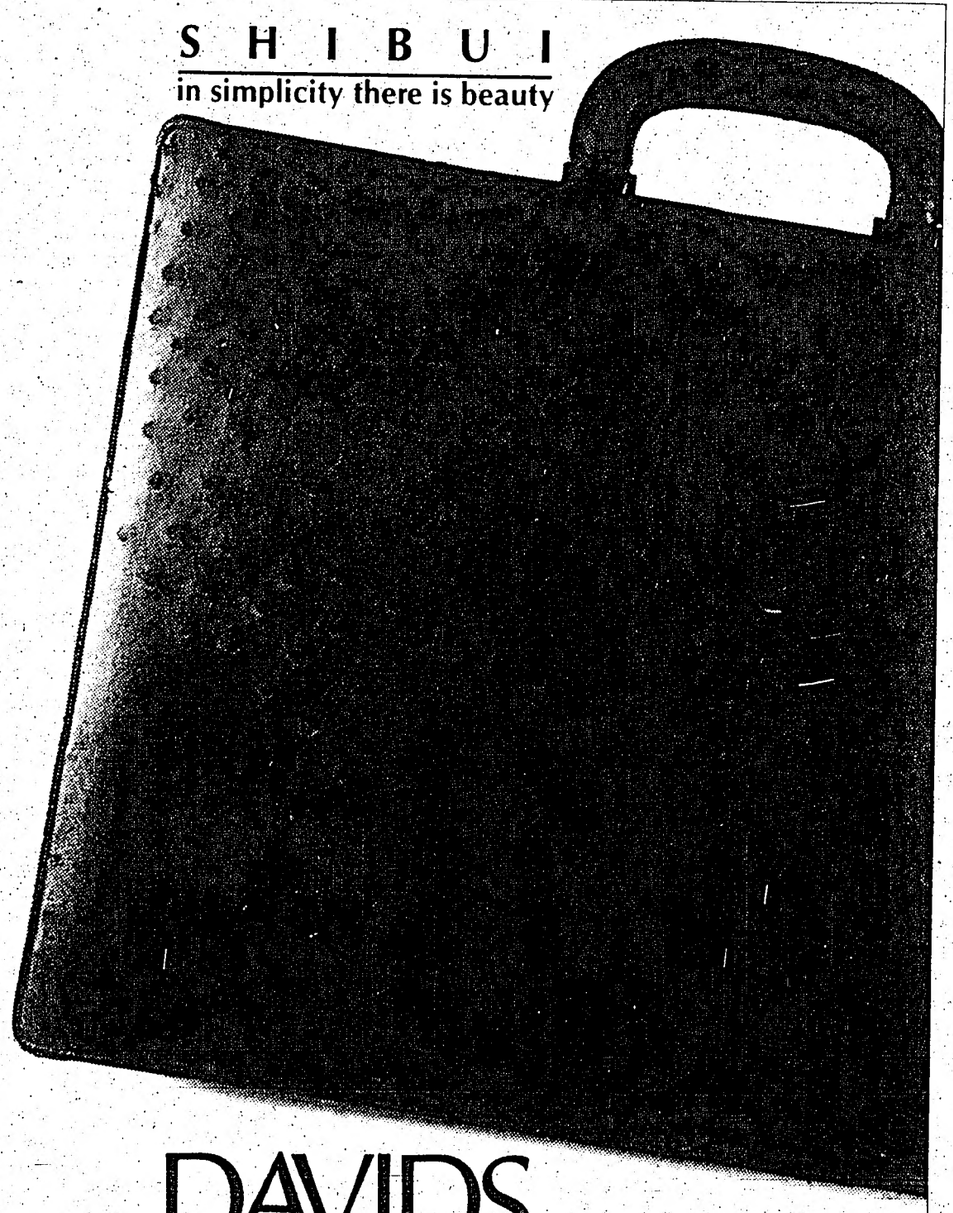

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Michele Keith, foreground, wears a gold necklace. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Donna Demarco wears a coin bracelet from Fabrice, gold and black onyx bow tie by Jean Claude International, earrings and chains from Secrett. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Gold wardrobe that glitters

By
LORI SMITH

"When women get dressed they have no trouble thinking of their stockings or their belts or their scarves as accessories. Now we want women to think of real carat gold jewelry as a fashion-forward accessory," says Michele Keith.

"Many people think that carat gold jewelry is just for special occasions and speak of it in reverential tones. But it shouldn't be considered that way."

Keith was in Toronto from New York City recently for Gold: The Fashion Focus, a multimedia fashion event that previewed the 1986 gold jewelry trends at L'Hotel.

She explained that while women can't change carat gold jewelry every year, they can create a gold wardrobe.

"We mix and match clothes and buy clothes that complement those we already own, so we can get more out of our wardrobe. The same thing can be done with carat gold.

"A woman can own one nice gold chain and ask for another for her birthday. Then for her anniverary she can ask for a bracelet. So she's building a wardrobe."

Keith added that gold jewelry is not strictly for dressy occasions. Instead it can be worn with a sweater and skirt and even with jeans on weekends.

"It's looking at gold jewelry in a larger sense and having more fun with it."

She said that when a woman wears even one piece of good carat gold jewelry — earrings, a bracelet, a necklace — they feel better about themselves, have more presence and confidence.

"It's like when a woman wears her favorite color, she walks taller."

But Keith said that there is more to gold jewelry then a chain and hoop earrings. It's a fashion item.

She explained that most of the best gold jewelry designers do not work in an ivory tower; they know what's going on in fashion and work with it in mind.

Inter-Gold itself works with Promostyl, a noted Paris fashion forecast house, to determine the major trends in clothing, and therefore jewelry.

For the show, the first in Toronto, they determined five major style areas and presented an array of gold jewelry for each.

The five styles were sophisticated, natural, aristocratic, avant-garde and rococo. The prices of the jewelry ranged from the-sky's-the-limit to reasonably priced.

Keith explained that many of the newest designers are creating pieces that are fashionable and not overly expensive.

"There are a number of techniques that can be used so that the piece isn't just a hunk of gold. It can be rolled thin or lacy.

"Both techniques can help reduce the cost. Gold jewelry is not just for Ms. Billionaire."

Finally, she pointed out that when you buy a piece of gold jewelry it's a fashion accessory, an investment and a piece of art.

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B. Scene Designs showed this outfit at the Fashion Waves 85 show. A 100% wool knit oversize vest with 100% cotton check shirt and wool/polyester blend pants. (Ronny Shinder photo)

One of the highlights at the recent Fashion Waves 85 show was designer Fiona Duncan's fitted plaid tailored jacket, Oxford pants and French-cuffed blouse. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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Fashion

Classic brings high-quality belts to Canadians

By
LEN BUTCHER

Classic Belts is suffering from an identity crisis.

The Toronto-based maker of high quality, high fashion belts that are sold in places like Lipton's, Jay Michaels and Anjene, is almost unknown to many of the small fashion boutiques across the country.

And this, says Asher Fishman — who along with his father Zvi and mother, Tova, own Classic — is a problem.

"When we first started out in business almost 12 years ago, our first customers were some of the large, high fashion chain operations who wanted to print their own names on our belts.

"This was fine with us and still is, but because of that, both buyers and small boutiques who we don't get a chance to call on, don't know they're buying a Classic belt.

"We want people to know that there is a company who makes high quality leather belts, not only in Canada, but right here in Toronto, which means they don't have to buy from another country, can have faster service and most importantly, personal contact."

The women's belts, made of leather, snakeskin or a combination of both, range in price from $15 to $80 retail. Most of the leather comes from Italy, while surprisingly, the snakeskin is imported from Great Britain. Majority of the buckles are from Italy and Spain.

Classic also makes belts from fabric, but only for spring and summer.

All the belts are jointly designed by Asher, his mother and father.

"We work closely with our buyers who tell us what colors are important in the clothes they are selling and I go to Europe several times a year to see what's showing there — whether it's a wide or narrow look, waist or hip, soft or hard. These are all the things you have to look for if you want to keep pace with the fashion changes."

Fishman says that this season rhinestones are still important, though not as strong as they have been.

"Prints on leather and wide belts are still strong and it's about a 50-50 split on waist and hip belts."

There are however, lots of bright colors, including yellow, orange red, turquoise, fuchsia, orange and green jade, which will all show up in the more than 35 designs offered by Classic.

The story of Classic really started in Budapest, 1945, when Zvi Fishman started a luggage and handbag business. Two years later he took his family to Israel and in 1951 began making handbags, then high quality leather belts.

Asher decided to come to Canada in 1971 and two years later his parents followed, with Zvi taking a job for a handbag manufacturer on Spadina Ave.

But the absence of high quality leather belts in Canadian stores prompted Asher to suggest to his father that he start his own business. The answer was an emphatic "no."

Undaunted, Asher, on a trip to Montreal, picked up a few rolls of elastic (stretch belts were popular at the time) and on his return to Toronto, bought an old sewing machine.

Taking his purchases to his parents' apartment, he emptied his father's closet and placed the sewing machine in it with the rolls of elastic and some buckles.

Zvi was not amused, but to humor his son, he made up six samples. An eager Asher then went out and got his first order for $60.

"I was so happy. I couldn't wait to get home to tell my father," Asher remembers.

But Zvi, the realist, said, "I'm not going to leave my job just because you got an order for $60," but he agreed to make more belts in his spare time.

Each night, he and his wife, when they came home from work, would design and sew belts and Asher would pound the pavements trying to sell them.

After three months, Zvi told his son, "I can't keep going on like this. You're taking over the whole apartment."

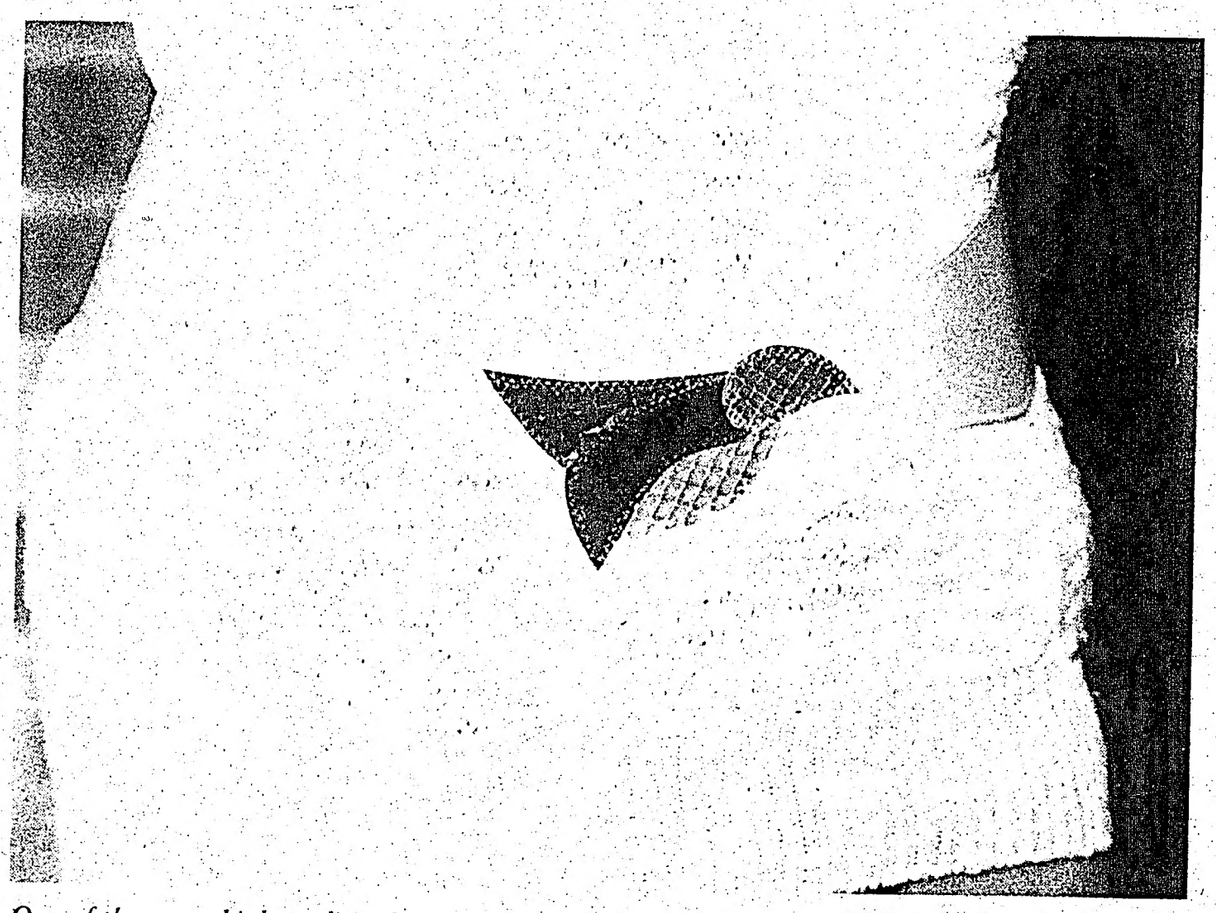
Asher immediately went out and found a small (200 square feet) office at Wilson and Bathurst and signed the lease.

Zvi thought it was too big, but was happy to have his apartment back.

Now that they had their own factory, Asher called the buyer for Jay Michaels, who agreed to come and look at his line.

"I was shaking, I was so embarrassed to have her come there," he says. "She came, liked the belts and the price and placed a $1,500 order. It was as if someone today would book $200,000. I was ecstatic."

Since then, Classic has never looked back.



One of the many high quality Classic belts made of leather and snakeskin. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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Brooker's covers all bases in fashion

By LORI SMITH

Quality clothing at affordable prices, versatile clothing and garments with some longevity are what Cheryl and Fred Brooker, owners of Brooker's and Freddy B's, are offering their customers.

Fred Brooker explains that Freddy B's, in Town and Countrye Square and Yorkdale Plaza, is for children and younger teens. It carries strictly Esprit clothing in sizes 7 to 14. In the spring, sizes 3 to 6 will be available.

Blouse and pleated skirt with grape imprint, t-shirt with aubergine imprint, 100% cotton. Short culottes with wide waistband and jacquard pullover. Available at Brooker's.

But, he says, Brooker's appeals to a completely different group of career oriented, upwardly mobile women between the ages of 20 and 45.

The stores are currently in four locations; Town and Countrye Square, Markham Place, Scarborough Town Centre and Yorkdale.

Cheryl says that there are a number of styles and colors we will be seeing and wearing this winter.

"Overall trends include bright jewel tones and exaggerated body size — long skirts, oversized shirts and body tops. And there is still a lot of belt emphasis."

She explains that knitwear is also popular for any season.

"It's the most versatile thing in a person's wardrobe. It fits everyone and has no zippers because of the elastic at the waist."

She says that they have found that not every woman wants a straight skirt, and long skirts are selling 10 to one.

In terms of fabric she says that rayon is in nearly every line at every price point.

"Most people don't know that rayon is a natural fibre made from wood pulp. It wears and breathes easily and now 100% rayon is a lot more durable."

Cheryl adds that linen looks as if it's more popular.

"There's a lot of linen and cotton which doesn't wrinkle like pure linen and there's linen and viscose."

She explains that at Brooker's they are trying to offer their customer some exclusivity. They only buy a few pieces from each line.

And they are more than happy to help a customer update her clothing.

"We have fashion consultants, not salespeople, and take a lot of pride in updating than completely placing a wardrobe."

Cheryl says that Brooker's carries a number of linen including Barbara Waltman for Casablanca, Naf Naf from France and Dia Positive, a designer collection.

"And we have the Brooker's line which is designed and made for Canadians by Canadians. We like to keep our own people in work," adds Fred.

The Freddy B stores will also have their own line, Spirit Weekend Wear. In addition they will be carrying many items from Esprit not usually available in Canada.

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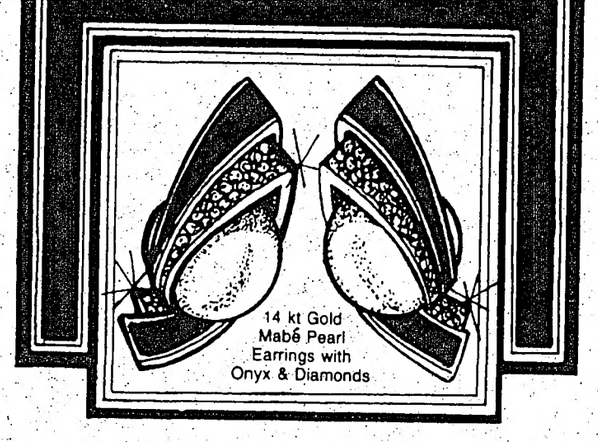

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Fashion

Sound fashion advice

By LORI SMITH

Today women are often faced with two fashion problems: they have little or no time to shop and a barrage of media fashion advice hinders rather than helps.

Ellen Schnier is the answer to both these problems.

Schnier is a freelance personal wardrobe consultant. She will shop for clothes, boots, belts, accessories and makeup for her clients. She will even arrange for a hair dresser to cut a client's hair if necessary.

She has been in business for a year and a half and says that she has four types of clients: professional women who want to look fashionable but have no time to shop; women who are at a stage in their lives when they want a new image; women who need help picking a garment for a special occasion; and women who have clothes in their wardrobes but don't know how to coordinate or update them.

"It's a load off women's minds. I save them time and I save them from making costly mistakes."

She explains that because she deals with a woman's whole wardrobe, every single piece she chooses is important. She can buy one blouse instead of four.

"I've seen it a million times. A woman buys something and then gets it home and asks, 'Why did I let a salesperson talk me into it?'"

Schnier says that she has no allegiance to any stores or designers and when she does the shopping her client is free from the stress of having to deal with sales people.

And she adds that it's easy to buy an outfit by a designer but the creative part of shopping is to find different pieces in different stores to create a look.

"But I want to say that my business is a lot more than shopping. It's an attitudinal thing. A number of my clients have changed how they feel about themselves.

"I don't mean that just because someone is well dressed they're more confident, but when a woman develops a self interest, they feel better."

Asked about fashion advice for all women, she says it's important to accessorize right.

"A lot of women want to dress conservatively, but if they throw in one thing new, such as a brooch, it makes the whole outfit look up-to-date."

Finally, she says that today there's a new way of looking at women.

"We're capable of being intelligent, human beings, of being top executives, lawyers and professionals and at the same time of looking good, of being sophisticated and feminine."

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Chanukah Greetings

Near home of the Maccabees

Residents of Me'or Modi'im celebrate with joy

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM(WZPS) —

Few people celebrate Chanukah as enthusiastically as the residents of Me'or Modi'im. The Orthodox settlement is located by the historical home town of Mattathias the Hasmonean and it was here in the 2nd century BCE that the Maccabean revolt against the Greeks broke out led by Mattathias' five sons.

The very name of the modern settlement recalls Chanukah. The current settlers came in 1976 and renamed the place Me'or Modi'im. Me'or derives from the Hebrew meaning "from the light," thus alluding to Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, and the name is also in memory of Rabbi Meir Kalish — the spiritual light of the settlers who died just before they arrived at Modi'im.

"Our physical location half way between the Holy City of Jerusalem and the beaches of Tel Aviv symbolizes what we represent," explains Alon Teeger, the secretary of Me'or Modi'im. "We lead a chassidic lifestyle but wear jeans and tee shirts rather than black hats and coats and generally create an atmosphere that is comfortable for Jews who do not come from an Orthodox background."

Teeger himself was born into a non-Orthodox family in Johannesburg, though most of the 25 families living in the settlement are of American origin. The modern settlement was first founded in 1965 as a "nahal" army outpost on what was then the border with Jordan.

In 1968 it became a settlement of the Poalei Agudat Yisrael movement but the settlers could not make their village economically viable and they left in 1974. Then came the present residents who changed the name of the village from Mevo Modi'im to Me'or Modi'im.

The settlement remains affiliated to the Poalei Agudat Ysrael movement and operates as a "moshav shitufi," an agricultural cooperative in which all economic activity is shared, though unlike in a kibbutz there are no communal facilities for daily meals and children.

The current settlers have also had their economic problems: Their health food factory went bankrupt two years ago and establishing industry has been difficult. However, the recent opening of a new Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway which runs right by the settlement has breathed new life into the village. Now Me'or Modi'im, instead of being off the beaten track is less than 30 minutes ride from the heart of both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

A new optimism prevails that Me'or Modi'im can not only become a flourishing economic enterprise but can better spread its message. "The message of the Maccabees is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago," asserts Nechama Silver, a resident of the settlement who rebelled against assimilation despite the attraction of Greek culture — a story which is as relevant today."

The residents of Me'or Modi'im teach this message at their centre for Jewish Education. This seminary conducts a range of programs for both children and adults from Israel and the Diaspora aimed at instilling participants with an appreciation for the values of Orthodox Judaism. During 1984 some 5,000 people attended these courses, most of them youngsters sent by the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz Department and Israel's ministry of education.

During Chanukah the Centre for Jewish Education holds special seminars to teach the significance of the festival. Parties and festivities for the occasion involve the village's most celebrated resident and spiritual mentor Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach.

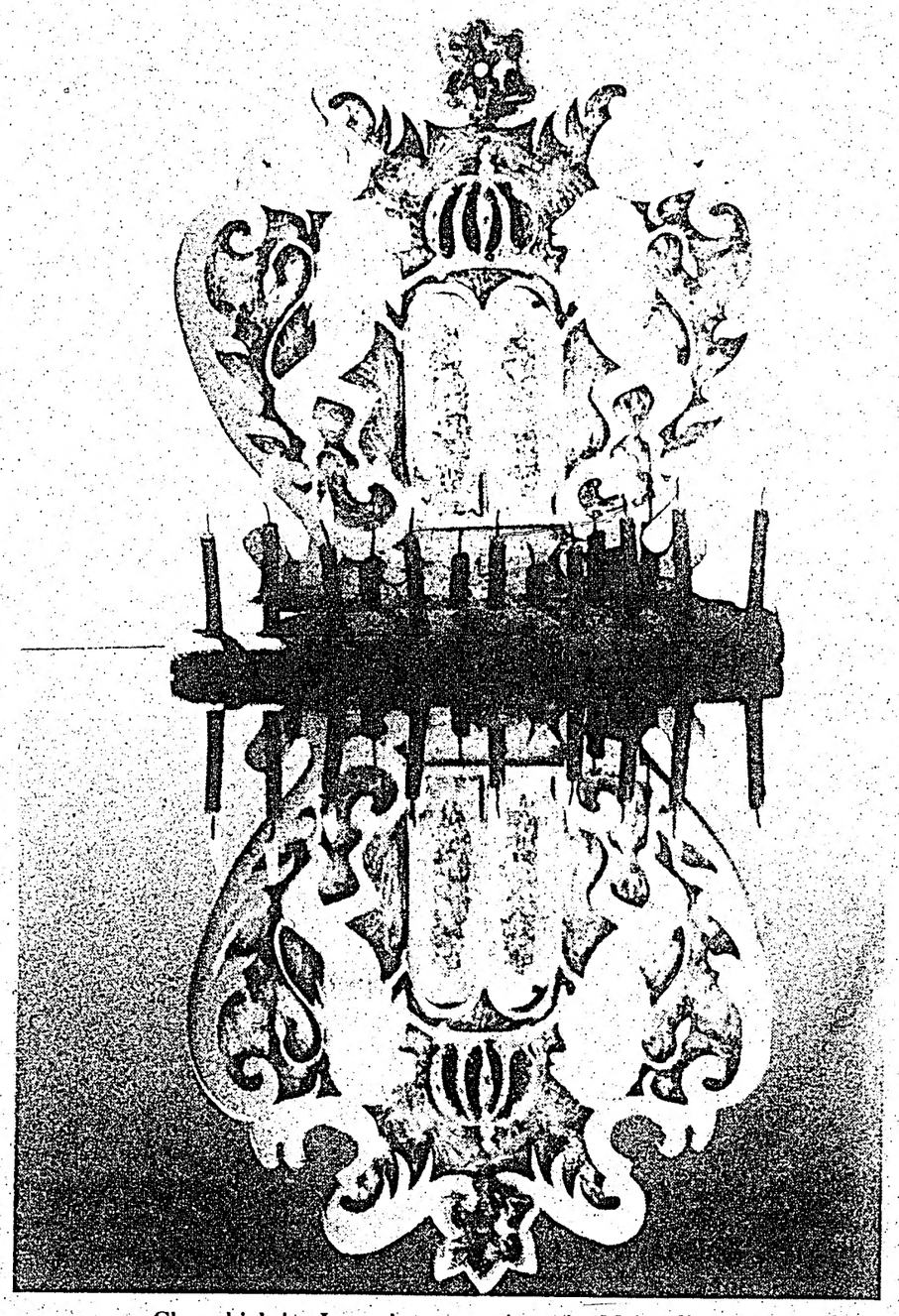
Often nicknamed the "hippy chassid," the famous singer spends most of his time abroad giving concerts, living in his house at Me'or Modi'im for only three months of the year. He does, of course, always make a point of being home for Chanukah!

Although Modi'im is mentioned in the Mishnah and was the home-town of Rabbi Eliezer of Modi'im, a cousin of Bar Kochba, the entire region remains best known for its connection to Chanukah.

Each year at Chanukah a torch is lit at the nearby tombs of the Maccabees and carried by runner to Jerusalem. Near the graves of the Maccabees a Hasmonean style village has been recreated, while also in the district the biblical park of Neot Kedumin illustrates the link between the Jewish heritage and the physical land of Israel.

The area's gently rolling and wooded hills are also proving popular with Tel Aviv commuters as suburban settlements spring up throughout the district. Me'or Modi'im hopes to cash in on the district's newfound popularity and develop a tourist industry as well as reviving its health food enterprise.

The settlers of Me'or Modi'im see their future inextricably tied with Chanukah for they feel that they are reviving the Maccabean dream of a Jewish life in the Holy Land.



Chanukiah by Jerusalem ceramic artist Meira Una.

Festival customs are rich in symbolic meaning

By
CAROL GREEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

No festival in the Jewish calendar is as much loved as Chanukah. Rare among Jewish holidays, it carries no aura of solemnity, nor does it impose any special restrictions. Instead, Chanukah is a time for thanksgiving and lighthearted rejoicing.

It is a time when family and friends gather around the Chanukah lights to play games while enjoying special holiday snacks. But Chanukah rituals, foods and games are more than quaint folk customs; they are rich in symbolic meaning and provide insights into the meaning of the holiday and the history of the Jewish people.

The Chanukah menorah, or chanukiah, is the most prominent symbol of the holiday. Its eight lights recall the miracle of the oil. When the Maccabees reentered the holy Temple they sought to light the menorah, however they found only enough pure olive oil for one day. Eager to rededicate the Temple after years of disuse they lit the menorah anyway. Miraculously, the oil continued to burn for eight days — long enough for a fresh supply of oil to be pressed.

The festival cuisine also recalls the miracle of the oil, as throughout the Jewish world it is customary on Chanukah to eat pastry or potato dishes fried in oil. Among the Sephardim a delicacy called birmennailes, a tortilla-like pancake made from fried meal, is quite popular. In the Ashkenazi communities the pancake batter is made from grated potatoes. The resulting latkes are eaten together with apple sauce or sour cream.

In Israel, the entire nation snacks on soofganiot, fried jelly donuts, either of the home-made variety or ones bought on street corner stands.

Many Jewish communities have a tradition of eating dairy products to recall the bravery of Judith. According to Jewish apocrypha the beautiful Judith, reputedly a member of the Hasmonean (Maccabee) family, invited the enemy general Holofernes to a banquet.

Judith insisted on feeding him only dairy products and when he grew thirsty she gave him wine to quench his thirst until he fell into a drunken stupor, whereupon she proceeded to stab him to death.

In some Sephardi communities the seventh day of Chanukah is observed as a special women's feast honoring Judith. In North Africa women and girls would fill the synagogue where they withdrew the Torah scrolls from the Ark and kissed them.

In a special service they then recited prayers and blessings invoking God's protection of women, after which they returned home and ate cheese dishes and engaged in song and dance.

Like Chanukah foods, Chanukah games are also deeply symbolic. Although Jewish tradition generally frowns on gambling and games of chance, during Chanukah such games are permitted. The most popular is the spinning top or dreidl game, where even children may be found betting on the turn of the dreidl using nuts or Chanukah gelt as their stakes. Although the game originated in early medieval Europe it is popular with Sephardim as well as Ashkenazim.

The top's Yiddish name, dreidl, comes from the German "dreihn" or to turn over. The game symbolically recalls the turn of events when Judah Maccabee and his small rag tag army defeated the mighty Greek empire. On the dreidl are carved the Hebrew letters which begin the word of the phrase "a great miracle happened there," or in Israel, "here."

Like much else in today's world, dreidls are now made from plastic, there are chanukiahs which use electric light and supermarkets which stock ready to use frozen latkes. But the spirit remains and the Maccabean story of Jewish revival and victory of the few over the many is as timely today as ever.

Israeli youngsters enjoy a Chanukah treat, soofganiot — fried jelly-filled doughnuts. [IPPA photo]

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By
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The historical background of the Chanukah festival is to be found in two books of the Apocrypha, Maccabees I and II. They contain a detailed record of the heroic battles which the Maccabee brothers fought and won.

These books are worthy of study. Both are remarkable for the way they reflect the strong spirit of faith that moved the Maccabees in their campaigns.

In Maccabees II, Chapter 10, the rededication of the Temple is thus described: "And they celebrated it for eight days with gladness like unto a feast of Tabernacles, remembering how, not long before, they had been wandering like wild beasts in the mountains and the caves." Josephus, who wrote his history nearly two centuries later, also speaks of the "liberty beyond our hopes that appeared to us."

Yet, when the Talmud makes reference to the celebration of Chanukah, the Maccabee victories are passed over in silence. All that is referred to in giving reason for its celebration, is the little cruse of unpolluted oil, sufficient for one day, that lasted in the Menorah for eight.

The reason for this reticence is not difficult to discern. The Hasmonean brothers had rendered a great service to their people and their faith. One by one, these five sons of Mattathias lost their lives.

When Simon, the last surviving brother, met his end, he left a country that had, after several centuries, regained its independence. It was a country whose friendship and alliance was sought — a country united and prospering.

But such is the instability of human affairs that within a century their descendants, the Hasmonean Kings, had frittered away this heritage. Through petty rivalries and vain ambitions, Jewish national independence was lost to the rising power of Rome. The final result was the destruction of the Second Temple, and the ultimate exile of the Jew from his Holy Land.

Small wonder, then that the rabbis of the 3rd century CE, looking for the permanent values enshrined in the Chanukah story, found them not in the military victories of the Maccabees, but in the cause for which they fought.

The little cruse of oil that kept the light in the Temple burning long beyond its expected time, has, ever since, become the symbol of the light of Israel's faith.

Enemies of the Jews thought that its light was for one day only. Having spread its light to its daughter religions, they assumed that its function was over, that it would burn no more.

Through the long painful centuries we have persisted and kept our flame of faith alive. Sometimes it flickers and burns dangerously low. Yet when one branch of our menorah is extinguished, another blazes up with light.

Fittingly, the symbol of Israel reborn is the menorah. For the Jew is no lover of battles for their own sake. Like Mattathias of old, there is nothing he would like better than to be allowed to live in peace and pursue the deeper aims of his existence.

Father would beam over his own latkes

By
MARTIN TEPLITSKY

In our home, my father made the latkes. That was not the only item in his culinary repertoire, but it was his specialty, particularly the "retchene latkes" (dark buckwheat), which he made every year around the time of Chanukah.

My father claimed that "retchene male" (dark buckwheat flour) was only available at that time of year and could only be purchased in a certain dingy store on the north side of Baldwin St. in the Kensington Market.

I often accompanied him to purchase the flour, usually on a Sunday morning, and a packet or two of yeast. Several hours after we returned home, crisp puffy latkes with a distinctive chewy quality and taste would emerge from the kitchen and be quickly devoured.

So famous were these latkes, at least within our circle of friends, that it was usually shared with guests. Today, if I shut my eyes, I can see my father's face, beaming with pride, as he served his specialty.

My father died four years ago. He left no recipe. Last year, I tried to make the latkes but my efforts resulted in puny, tasteless, flat pancakes, bearing no resemblance to the latkes of my memories.

Even my mother, who to this day, and notwithstanding I am middle-aged, usually praises whatever I do, however inconsequential, could not muster anything but disdain for my latkes. An amateur chef, however, is used to failure and I promptly forgot the entire experience.

Made another try

Last week my wife returned from a trip with a present for me — two new cookbooks, one of which described in some detail the uses of dark buckwheat flour. Although it did not contain a recipe for these latkes, it stimulated me to try again particularly since the Chanukah is at hand.

I consulted with my mother and an aunt, both of whom had observed my father making the latkes, and with their advice and some thoughts of my own, I plunged in. This is the recipe I fashioned.

RETCHENE LATKES

1½ cups dark buckwheat flour
½ cup all purpose flour
1 egg
1 teaspoon salt
1 package dry yeast (1 tablespoon)
1½ cups water (115 to 120 degrees)
peanut oil

Dissolve the yeast in the water and let stand for 5 minutes. It should bubble and expand. If it does not, the yeast is probably dead. Start again.

In a large bowl blend the buckwheat and all purpose flour. Make a well in the centre, add the egg, the salt and 1¼ cups of yeast mixture. Stir. The result should be spongy and not stiff.

If the batter is too stiff or dry, add the balance of the water. Cover with a damp cloth and let it rise to at least double the volume in a warm spot. This will take about 1 hour.

Heat a heavy skillet and add peanut oil to a depth of approximately ½ inch and let the oil heat. Use a tablespoon dipped in water to spoon the batter into the oil.

Make 4 or 5 latkes at a time as you do not want the temperature of the oil to drop too low. Turn once after it browns and then drain when the other side browns, and serve.

In our family, we ate the latkes plain. They are also very nice with sugar, honey, even sour cream or yogurt.

I would like to say that my latkes taste exactly the way my father made them, but the truth is that they are not quite as good. They are worth trying.

Enjoy!

Dollars for David help to bring joy

By
LOUISE CORNBLUM

Imagine what it must be like to be a child in Israel, when all the children are celebrating Chanukah, receiving gifts and treats from loving parents — and there is nothing for you!

How better could one make a child feel worthless, apart from the mainstream of society? How better to build up his resentment at the unfairness of life and his dislike of those who are not deprived?

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"We've been raising funds for Dollars for David since 1973," Goldie Burstein, the campaign's chairman and initiator explains. "After the Yom Kippur War, when so many poor little half-orphans came flooding into Na'amat's homes and nurseries, I couldn't endure their sorrow without doing something about it," she said.

"I simply couldn't cope with preparing Chanukah for my own children that year knowing that, in Israel, there were so many newly bereaved children who needed some extra loving care. I was concerned, too, about the thousands of children from deprived neighborhoods who attended our nurseries.

"And so I started the Dollars for David Campaign. (David is a symbol of all of the Davids and Dvorahs cared for in 760 Na'amat day nursery classes.) But I never dreamed that we'd really be able to give so much joy to so many children!"

A personal gift to each of 23,000 children — that is an amazing achievement. It is made possible in large part because of the overwhelming support of CJN readers.

For the past 10 years, orange envelopes, bearing the picture of the first David, have been enclosed in an issue of The CJN before Chanukah.

It is the response to this enclosure which has been most meaningful to the campaign.

"I can't get over how wonderful everyone has been," Burstein said. "Jewish schoolchildren across Canada share their Chanukah gelt. Your readers send in their orange envelopes. You know, this campaign spreads happiness on both sides of the ocean."

For information, telephone these Pioneer Women presidents in the following cities: Montreal, Anita Blanshay (514) 735-1679; Ottawa, Leslie Shinder (613) 225-1333; Toronto, Norma Barkin (416) 636-5425; Windsor, Helen Glaser (519) 254-6613 or Gertrude Rudover (519) 969-2496; Winnipeg, Doris Silver (205) 334-3637; Edmonton, Sandra Miller (403) 483-6694; Calgary, Esther Lang (403) 259-5315; Vancouver, Miriam Mendelson (604) 263-1012.

Goldie Burstein, chairman and initiator of the Dollars for David campaign, visits a Na'amat day nursery in Israel. With her are some of the children who will receive Chanukah gifts as a result of the Dollars for David campaign.

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Chanukah Greetings

Easy main course to prepare

Fine turkey dish can feed a crowd

By
ESTHER FISHER

Some Chanukah traditions, such as eating foods fried in oil, are universal. Ashkenazim from Eastern Europe eat potato latkes; Sephardi Jews from Greece or Turkey serve loukoumathes or lokma, fried yeast-raised puffs drenched in syrup; and Israelis opt for soofganiyot, jelly-filled doughnuts.

Other Chanukah dishes vary throughout the world as Jewish cooks adapt local recipes for kosher cooking. With lots of turkeys available at this time of year, many Canadians and Americans, entertaining the family at Chanukah, find turkey is one of the easiest main courses to prepare when feeding a crowd.

And if you prefer roast beef for one of the holiday meals, brisket roasted with dried fruit and orange juice makes a festive main course.

The Jewish Holiday Cookbook by Gloria Kaufer Greene is full of interesting bits of information as well as dozens of recipes from around the world and useful household tips. For example, when making latkes, coarsely shredded potatoes produce lacy latkes with rough edges; finely shredded potatoes make denser smoother latkes.

The following turkey recipe is from The Jewish Holiday Cookbook; the roast beef, courtesy of McIlhenny and Powell Ltd., makers of Tobasco brand products.

ORANGE-GLAZED TURKEY WITH FRUIT-NUT STUFFING

1-12 to 14 lbs. turkey
Softened pareve margarine

Fruit-nut stuffing:

2 tbsps. pareve margarine
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 celery stalks, diced
½ cup orange juice
¼ cup sugar
1½ cups fresh or frozen cranberries
12 pitted prunes, coarsely chopped
6 dried apricots, coarsely chopped
1 cup dark or light raisins or currants (or a mixture)
3 medium-sized apples, cored and diced (it is not necessary to peel them)
1½ cups slivered almonds
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
½ cup finely chopped fresh parsley leaves
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp. ground cloves
1/8 tsp. ground ginger
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

ORANGE-HONEY GLAZE

1¼ cups orange juice
⅓ cup honey
3 tbsps. pareve margarine
¼ tsp. grated fresh ginger root (or 1/8 tsp. ground ginger)

Clean the turkey well and discard the giblets (or reserve them for another use). Rub the skin lightly with softened margarine. For the stuffing: melt the 2 tbsps. margarine in a medium-sized saucepan over medium-high heat; then cook the onion and celery, stirring until they are tender but not browned. Transfer them to a large bowl; set aside.

In the same pan (unwashed), combine orange juice and sugar and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Stir in the cranberries and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes or until the berry skins pop.

Mix in prunes, apricots and raisins and remove the fruit mixture from the heat. Transfer it to the bowl containing the cooked onions and celery. Let the mixture cool to room temperature. Add all the remaining stuffing ingredients and mix well. Adjust the seasonings to taste.

Fill the body and neck cavity of the turkey with stuffing, allowing some room for expansion. Tie legs together with a heavy cord; skewer or sew the neck skin close to the body. Place the turkey, breast up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Roast in a preheated 325F oven for about 3 hours.

Meanwhile, prepare the orange-honey glaze. Mix together all the glaze ingredients in a small saucepan and stir over medium heat until the glaze is well blended. After the turkey has roasted for 3 hours, periodically brush some of the glaze over the bird while it roasts for 1 to 2 hours longer, or until a drumstick moves very easily and its meat feels very soft when pressed.

If the breast gets browned before the rest of the turkey is done, cover it loosely with an aluminum foil tent.

For easier cutting and juicier meat, let the turkey rest for about 15 minutes before carving. Makes 12 or more servings.

FRUITED HOLIDAY POT ROAST

¼ cup flour
½ tsp. salt
4 to 5 lbs. brisket
2 tbsps. vegetable oil
1 large onion, chopped
1½ cups orange juice
1 cup beef broth (kosher beef-flavored soup mix dissolved in water may be used)
¾ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. ground ginger
½ tsp. Tabasco pepper sauce
1 cup pitted prunes
1 cup dried apricots

Combine flour and salt. Dredge meat in flour mixture. In Dutch oven or large heavy saucepan, heat oil. Brown meat on all sides. Drain and discard fat. Add onion, orange juice, broth, cinnamon and ginger and Tabasco to Dutch oven. Bring to boiling. Cover and reduce heat. Simmer 2 hours, basting occasionally. (If using thin cut of brisket, simmer 1 hour.)

Add prunes and apricots. Simmer 1 hour longer or until meat is tender. Stir fruit occasionally to blend flavors and prevent sticking. Let roast stand 10 minutes before slicing. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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Seen as return to days of Ben-Gurion

"Peres boys" create new dynamism

By SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— One of the notable features of Prime Minister Shimon Peres' administration is the entourage of young disciples that he has assembled to run his day-to-day affairs. This exciting team of "young blood" has offset some of the criticism aimed at Peres (who is 61), because he only made room for party veterans on the Labor Alignment Knesset list.

The line up of youngsters includes Yossi Beilin, 37, cabinet secretary; Boaz Eppelbaum, 40, director of the Prime Minister's bureau; Uri Savir, 32, media counselor and his 29-year-old deputy Baruch Askarov; Nimrod Novik, 38, political advisor to the Prime Minister; Amnon Neubach, 40, economic advisor; Israel Peleg, 36, Government Press Office director; Avraham Burg, 29, advisor on Diaspora affairs; Azriel Nevo, 38, military aide and last but by no means least Amiram Nir, 34, advisor on counter-terrorism.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres (left) with cabinet secretary Yossi Beilin (centre) and Boaz Eppelbaum, director of the Prime Minister's Bureau.

Beilin feels that the "Peres boys" phenomenon marks a return to the days of David Ben-Gurion, who surrounded himself with young men like Yitzhak Navon, Abba Eban, Moshe Dayan and of course Peres himself.

A former professor of political science at Tel Aviv University and a leading member of the Labor Party's "Young Guard," Beilin is generally considered to be the closest to Peres. He was too far down the Labor Alignment's Knesset list (in 54th position) in the last election to gain a seat, though it is now anticipated that he will be given a safe slot in the next election.

Beilin has found the role of cabinet secretary to be a challenging one. "It is a unique position," he explains. "Because I have contacts with all the ministers I can be extremely well informed and exert some influence."

As a staunch Labor party ideologue, Beilin has found some aspects of the job frustrating. For as spokesman of the cabinet he often has to defend decisions that he does not agree with, because half of the national unity cabinet is made up of Likud ministers. However, Likud ministers have been impressed by the impartial manner in which he has executed his responsibilities.

No such restraints have impeded Boaz Eppelbaum, who as director of the prime minister's bureau arranges his daily schedule. Thus Eppelbaum often decides who does and who does not get to see Shimon Peres. He is a former student leader at Haifa University and there remains about him the aggressive air of the campus activist. Since leaving college he has served as an aide to the then-Minister of Trade and Industry Haim Bar Lev, and since 1978 has been on Peres' personal staff.

Eppelbaum loses no opportunity to slight the Likud and when discussing the workaholic tendencies of Peres and his staff, whose working day often continues far into the night, he adds, "under the Likud the staff went home at 1 or 2 in the afternoon."

Though all the Peres boys are sabras, Savir at first glance exudes a more American-style personality. No doubt his spell in the United States as press counsel in New York has had this effect.

The return to Israel has been a satisfying one for Savir. As the Prime Minister's media counselor he has masterminded a campaign that has seen his boss' image transformed from a hesitant loser to a confident statesman. In certain of Israel's oriental communities, Peres is now lauded as the nation's savior, whereas just a year ago he was the demon Ashkenazi blamed for all their woes.

"I am very much against overexposing the prime minister," says Savir, explaining the secret of his success. "I use the media sparingly and selectively to achieve long-term effect.

Savir also stresses the importance of coordination and unity in Peres' bureau, and he attributes a similar sense of team spirit as a factor in Ronald Reagan's political achievements.

Novik, formerly a professor of international relations at Tel Aviv University, recalls that Peres did not always trust in the loyalty of his staff. "At first Peres was wary of us," recollects Novik.

"He maintained a certain distance. But when he saw that we never leaked information to the media, he became more informal and forthcoming."

Novik, who also taught for eight years at the University of Pennsylvania, must keep Peres abreast of international political events — a task he describes as "seeing the mines before they explode."

Neubach has just as unenviable a position in advising the Prime Minister on how Israel can extricate itself from its muddled economy. He is a graduate of Bar Ilan University and spent 10 years as a senior advisor in the finance ministry before becoming finance manager of Hadera Paper Mills.

Peleg, director of the Government Press Office, was formerly spokesman for the Labor Alignment caucus in the Knesset and represented the Alignment on the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

In contrast to the others, Burg is a newcomer to the Labor Party. He is an Orthodox Jew, a leader of Peace Now and son of Yosef Burg who has served in virtually every cabinet since the founding of the state. Burg the younger, now Peres' advisor on Diaspora affairs, is a sabra who feels that new definitions and constructive dialogue must be sought between Israel and the Diaspora based on new realities.

The only leftover from the Likud administration of Yitzhak Shamir is Col. Azriel Nevo, the prime minister's military aide. At the same time Peres has bolstered his defence bureau by drafting in Amiram Nir as terrorist expert. Nir is a former defence correspondent for Israel Television. Finally Askarov, Savir's deputy, was previously with Israel Radio and was once Beilin's student at Tel Aviv University.

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Lexicon contains treasure of material from Agnon

Toronto author DAVID MENDL HARDUF recently published Lexicon of Names in Shmuel Yosef Agnon's Writings. Beth Tzedec Museum curator SAMUEL SIMCHOVITCH discusses the book which is a continuation of Harduf's work on biblical names in post-biblical Hebrew literature.

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Shmuel Yosef Agnon's words "are as flowing as living water in a quiet stream and enwrap us in a peaceful pleasantness," says David Mendl Harduf in his introduction to his lexicon of the writings of the great Hebrew storyteller and Nobel Prize Winner.

The alphabetically arranged entries in the book reflect both Agnon's profound knowledge in all branches of Jewish learning as well as his views and opinions on important social and cultural problems of our time.

(The book was published in a special edition of 50 copies, leather-bound, on acid-free paper, and all of the copies were immediately acquired by American and Canadian university libraries.)

Strong love for Israel

The large format 324-page lexicon contains a treasure of information and quotations on names of people, places and institutions that occur in Agnon's writings. In many entries Harduf also cites renowned Hebrew scholars and critics.

Harduf shows that Agnon's love for Israel in general, and especially for Jerusalem, permeates all his writings. Verses and sayings on this theme from the prophets and Talmudic sages, are interwoven all over in his stories.

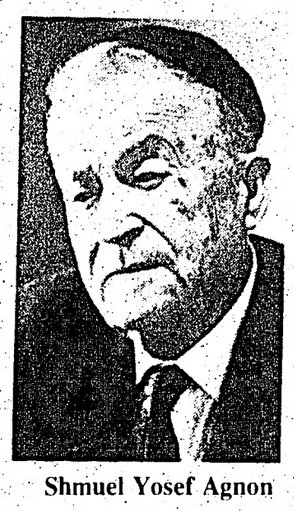
On the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Agnon says: "How many legions sent their fire upon Jerusalem, how many shells fell on Jerusalem and still it is being rebuilt, actually in the midst of fire. And not only this, Jerusalem is rebuilt more beautifully than before."

On the different communities in Jerusalem and their attachment to the Jewish people, Agnon writes: "You may be mistaken that each community possesses and lives by other customs. In reality Israel is one nation and one purpose unites all the Jews in the world, to beautify themselves before God, as the bride pretties herself with her jewels before her bridegroom."

On the source of his own inspiration Agnon confesses: "Would the Temple exist, I would be among my brothers the Levites and sing the daily psalms they sang in the Temple. Now that the Temple is destroyed and we do not have neither priests, nor Levites, I study Torah, prophets, Mishna, halacha and aggadah.

"When I observe their words and realize that of all our treasures of the past nothing remained but a memory of words, I am filled with sorrow and this makes my heart tremble, and out of this vibration I am writing my stories as a son that was exiled from his father's palace and built himself a hut and dwells there telling about the glory of his father's house."

Of interest is the writer's attitude towards Yiddish in which he wrote poems and stories in his youth. Agnon praises the old Yiddish religious literature, especially the popular ethnical works and the Tzena Urena in which "simple folk and



Shmuel Yosef Agnon

pious women satisfied their thirst for God's word."

Agnon introduces into his stories many expressions and idioms, even whole sentences in Yiddish, as spoken and pronounced in his time in Galicia. However, he came out strongly against the leading Yiddish writers, Sholem Asch and others, who proclaimed Yiddish as the national language of the Jewish people.

Agnon bestowed his heroes with names that symbolized their inner character or fate. Thus, the tragic hero of Temol Shilshom is Yitzhak Kumer (Kumer in Yiddish means sadness, depression) and the pious hero of the Bridal Canopy is called Reb Yudl Batlen, and Yeruham Hofshi is the atheist from A Wayfarer for the Night.

Agnon also makes use of derogatory names, such as: Askansky, Kalbinski, Hazimerovsky and so on. Also found among these rhyming names are: Dolik and Lolik, Hilik and Bilik, also names of dogs: Tzutzik and the mad dog Balak of Temol Shilshom. The names of institutions and welfare societies in Agnon's stories reflect the social life of Jews in Galicia and Jerusalem at the beginning of the century.

As mentioned above, Harduf's work was published in a limited edition and is not accessible for most readers. It would be, therefore, worthwhile to have a regular publication of the lexicon, so that every student and lover of Hebrew literature would be able to read and use it.

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Jews saved during Holocaust

Light will be thrown on Scandinavian rescue

NEW YORK —
The non-profit fund Thanks to Scandinavia is completing plans to publish the first authoritative accounts in English of the World War II rescue activities by the people, governments and churches of Finland, Norway and Sweden, according to entertainer Victor Borge, national chairman of the fund.

These books, individually researched and written by scholars specializing in the histories of each nation, will supplement the large number of volumes, magazine articles and film documentaries on the Danish rescue.

Thanks To Scandinavia was established in 1963 by Borge and Netter for the purpose of honoring Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden for the heroic rescue of Jews from a fate that overwhelmed six million of their fellow Jews. Simultaneously, they wish to thank those brave Scandinavians by providing their descendants with scholarships at American universities and fellowships at American centres, Borge said.

"When we started soliciting funds for Thanks To Scandinavia, few people were aware of the singular acts of humanity and bravery on the part of the Scandinavians in the rescue of Jews from the Holocaust," Borge said.

During the war years there was no way that information concerning the rescue efforts could have safely filtered out of occupied Europe, he said.

"Then, at the war's conclusion, the Scandinavians, feeling they had not done anything special in saving the lives of other human beings did not publicize the great risks which they assumed during that period.

"They instead turned their energies to aiding those persons rejected by other nations as being too difficult for physical or emotional reasons."

Many of these displaced persons were welcomed into the Scandinavian countries for rehabilitation and absorption, Borge added.

The Norwegian rescue story has been written by Oskar Mandelsohn, a Holocaust survivor and historian of the Norwegian Jewish community. His account focuses on the extraordinary and successful efforts of the Norwegian underground in evacuating one-half of the Norwegian Jews to safety in Sweden.

Prof. Steven Koblik, chairman of the history department at Pomona College, has documented the Swedish sheltering of Danish and Norwegian Jews, along with Sweden's activities on behalf of Jews elsewhere through the work of Raoul Wallenberg and others.

The protection of its entire Jewish population by the government and people of Finland is being told by Hannu Rautkallio, executive director of the Foundation for Higher Education and Science Policy in Helsinki, following three years of extensive research.

With the availability shortly to individuals and organizations of these three volumes, Thanks To Scandinavia, which since its inception has awarded grants to over 800 qualified Scandinavian students and doctors, expects its activities to broaden through financial support, principally from members of Jewish communities throughout the United States.

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"Because historians have been totally silent on the rescue of Jews by Finland, Norway and Sweden," Richard Netter, the New York attorney who co-founded Thanks to Scandinavia with Borge, points out, "people still question us as to why those countries are included in our 'thank you' program.

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Despite Holocaust, Communist rule

Hungary's community rebuilding

By
RABBI
BERNARD RASKAS

Worshippers crowd Budapest's Dohany Synagogue on Yom Kippur.

BUDAPEST —

At the beginning of the Second World War almost 800,000 Jews lived in Hungary. Today only 80,000 Jews live in Budapest and several thousand more in other small cities. Despite the Holocaust and the Communist takeover, Jews have managed to survive and the community is now slowly rebuilding itself.

In Budapest there are six kosher butcher shops and at one we purchased two cans of kosher pate, which is probably the only place in the world that one can do this.

There is a kosher restaurant named Hannah's which is the only restaurant in Budapest that is not owned by the state. The food is most tasty and the kosher wine is superb.

The Jewish community of Budapest functions well. With the help of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee it is able to maintain a free kosher kitchen, meals-on-wheels, Homes for the Aged, and a remarkable educational system.

The Jewish Theological Seminary is the only Jewish seminary in the East Bloc and now has 11 students. The seminary building houses a library of more than 60,000 volumes, many of them very rare.

There is a remarkable Jewish educational system supervised by Dr. Alfred Schoner, who is also a rabbi. He is a vital, active and dedicated educator. The system includes the Anne Frank High School and a Talmud Torah in which 120 children are enrolled.

The centrepiece and pride of Budapest Jewry is the Dohany Synagogue, the largest synagogue in Europe. The huge structure has four balconies and seating capacities of 3,000 people. It contains an organ with over 5,000 pipes, on which Franz Liszt and Saint-Saens played some of their compositions. Extensive renovations are now being planned for it.

During the Nazi occupation the synagogue itself was surrounded by a wooden fence thus creating the Budapest Ghetto. The synagogue became the spiritual focus of the beleaguered Jewish community. In the courtyard there are several tombstones to commemorate the names of Jews who were killed there.

There is also a memorial plaque to Hannah Szenesh, the 22-year-old Hungarian Jewish woman who was living in Palestine, and volunteered to parachute into Europe to help organize Jewish resistance in Hungary. She was aprehended by the Nazis and shot.

The Jewish Cultural Centre is a new wing of the Dohany Synagogue and has a spectacularly Moorish-looking arcade. Part of this complex is the Jewish Museum that stands on the site of the house where Theodore Herzl, the founder of political Zionism, was born.

The first floor contains a magnificent collection of many varieties of Parchat, Torah covers, silver Torah crowns and other ritual objects. There are even ceramic Seder plates and small, beautifully hand-illustrated prayer books and other manuscripts. On the second floor is a permanent picture gallery and a display of the works of Hungarian Jewish artists.

Photos of Raoul Wallenberg, Bishop Aron Marten and other non-Jews who helped the Jews during the war may also be seen. The display is rounded out with photos of contemporary Jewish life that demonstrate an energetic effort to revive Jewish life.

One must not leave without an account of the Central Orthodox Synagogue. It is now 90 years old and though neglected it still is a tribute to a spiritually rich practice of Judaism. In the courtyard is a permanent chupah (marriage canopy) that can be decorated and was used in outdoor weddings. Although only approximately 125 individuals (including tourists) worship on Shabbat, it still functions well.

The chandeliers are truly magnificent. The ark is extraordinary. In front of the Torah reading pulpit is a silver plaque with arms projecting from it. The large centrepiece contains engraved on the silver the Hebrew blessings to be recited over the Torah.

The arms contain phrases denoting various charities to which those reciting the blessings may donate. They include the Hevra Kadisha, Talmud Torah, Home for the Aged, the poor, etc. The synagogue officials have been told by the state that renovations on the structure will begin in the near future.

Life in general in Budapest today, unlike the Communist cities of the East Bloc, has a certain spark, even excitement. Jews are musicians, tour guides, hotel managers, waiters, and are found in many professions.

The Jewish periodical is called Uj Elet which means New Life. Let us hope an era of new life is beginning for Hungarian Jewry.

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Ancient temple site found where Ark once housed

By
WILLIAM DUNN

NEW YORK —
Using the Bible as a road map and inventory checklist, an American-born Israeli archeologist says he has found the location of an ancient Israelite temple that once held the Ark of the Covenant.

The ark was the golden chest in which the Hebrews kept the tablets of the Ten Commandments. And if the ark exists today, it is still up for grabs.

But Aaron Demsky, a senior lecturer in biblical history at Bar-Ilan University in Tel Aviv is happy with his discovery of the temple. He says it is the "earliest monotheistic place of worship."

Demsky, who recently completed a lecture tour in the United States, said: "There is a sense of excitement (over the discovery). "It gives me a sense of closeness, coming back to the period of Samuel, being able to touch material he held. . . .

"As a Jew, one cannot distance oneself from the fact that in a sense we are excavating and researching our own roots. What we are doing is finding a bit of our past."

Demsky and his team excavated in a fertile area of Samaria, about 20 miles north of Jerusalem: "We know from the biblical sources that the tabernacle (which housed the Ark of the Covenant) was located here at Shiloh," Demsky said.

The Bible records that, after wandering the desert, Israelites established their first religious and political centre at Shiloh and built a tabernacle, or temple, to house the ark. The ark remained in the temple from 1300 BCE until the settlement's conquest by the Philistines in 1050 BCE.

According to the Bible, the Ark of the Covenant was seized by the Philistines. Then it was reclaimed by David, who took it to Jerusalem, where he intended Judaism's permanent home to be.

The ark since has been lost and may never be found. Some believe it was destroyed in one of the various battles down through the ages.

Despite the mystery over the ark, Demsky said his team's excavation is still significant, because it suggests where the ark had been and reveals much about early Jewish life.

His team began its exploration in 1981. "In opening up a ruin, we found two floors of storage," Demsky recalled. "We realized almost immediately what this was."

It was the remains of a storage building, measuring about 60 feet by 78 feet. Demsky believes it is the earliest public building in Israelite history.

Because the building's dimensions, contents and location on the highest hill in Shiloh corresponded with details in the Bible, Demsky and his colleagues say they found the storage building to the tabernacle.

Among the ancient artifacts unearthed at Shiloh were these seals used to notarize documents.

Excavating only during the summer, the Israeli archeologists completed their dig in the summer of 1984. Demsky's team found 20 large clay jars used in worship ceremonies and a few thousand smaller items, mostly pottery. Most of the artifacts are in storage at Bar-Ilan University, and some pieces are on loan to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Demsky is not the first to have excavated Shiloh. Danish archeologists dug there in the 1920s and 1960s. They unearthed remnants of several buildings, exposing a few feet of one important one.

But Demsky said, "They didn't understand what they had found."

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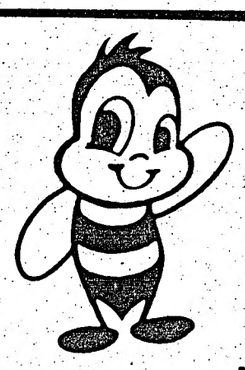

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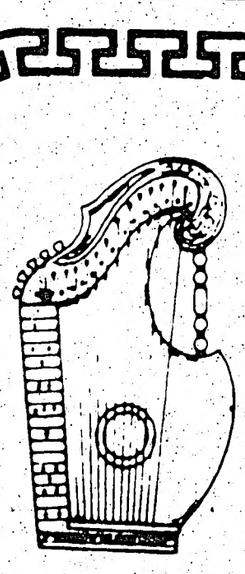

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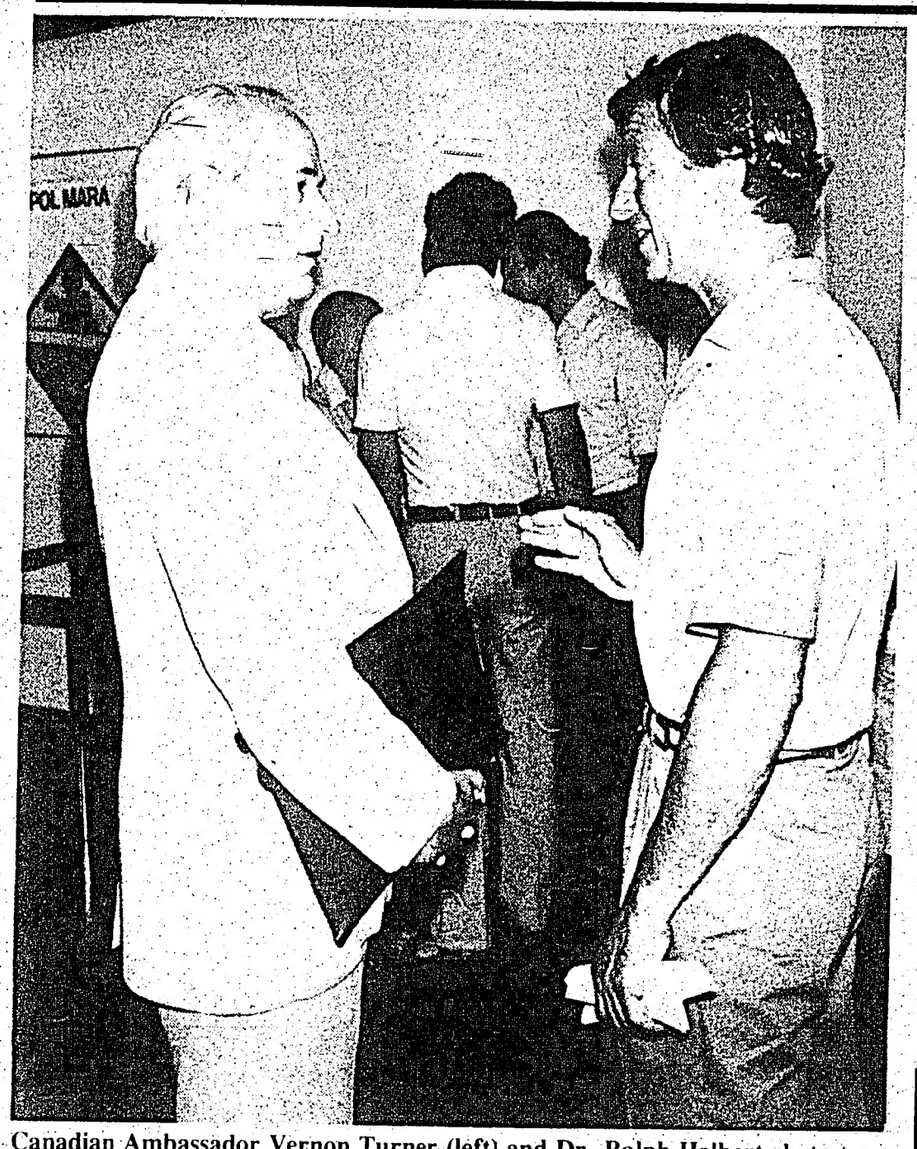

Canadian Ambassador Vernon Turner (left) and Dr. Ralph Halbert chat at a Canadian Studies conference at the Hebrew University.

Program at Hebrew U

Canadian studies making headway

DANIEL BEN-NATAN is a former Winnipegger whose family made aliya in 1951. He is secretary-general of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and is coordinator of its Program of Canadian Studies. In the following article, he discusses the program, the only one of its kind between Rome and Tokyo.

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Some eight years ago, when Canadian Studies in Canada itself was to a large extent still in its infancy a commission criss-crossed the world in search of Canadian Studies and Canadian content at major national universities.

Its report was rather disheartening as what commission members found was basically a wasteland in this field.

In their chapter relating to Israel, the Hebrew University was fingered as the main "culprit" in that despite its status as Israel's major institution of higher learning and recipient of substantial support from Canadian Jewry, it had nothing even remotely connected with Canadian Studies.

Unlike the vast majority of reports of commissions which gather dust in some drawer in Ottawa, or elsewhere, this polite criticism was taken seriously by a group of leading members of the Toronto Jewish community (to mention but a few of them: Eddie Goodman, Dr. Ralph Halbert, Lionel Shipper, Martin Goldfarb, Eph Diamond) who decided something had to be done to correct this situation.

After convincing the Hebrew University of the importance of a Canadian studies program, these dedicated friends of Israel successfully lobbied the Canadian government to support such a venture and in an unprecedented move, Ottawa decided to match a major pledge by Dr. Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto for the setting up of an endowment fund to allow the development of such a program in Jerusalem. (Its location in Israel's capital was no mean achievement.)

Seven years later the program was recently described by a senior Canadian government official as an "outstanding success" and as the "most active program of Canadian Studies outside of North America."

From a very modest beginning and with a clearly defined policy of steady and solid academic development, the Program of Canadian Studies today is a major centre of Canadian scholarly activity.

If one takes this past year as an example, there were:

- Six visiting professors from Canada associated with the program for various periods ranging from a full year to several weeks.
- Joint research projects conducted by Hebrew University researchers with Canadian counterparts.
- A public lecture series that also included a theatrical workshop and presentation by a Canadian theatre group.
- Increases in library holdings, the basis for any serious study or research venture.
- The beginning of a series of publications, and a major Canada-Israel Conference on Experience of Multi-ethnic Societies: Issues and Policies: Canada-Israel.

Over the years some 35 Canadian professors have been associated with the Program of Canadian Studies at the university. A special Canadian Advisory Committee, co-ordinated by the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchange in Ottawa, makes its recommendations for the visiting professors of the program for the next year.

This year should see the publication of the first two books of the program covering the proceedings of its first very successful conferences.

A computerized catalogue of the library of Canadian Studies is available and through a very careful acquisition policy greatly strengthened by the support of the Canadian government and private individuals, the holdings are slowly but surely becoming the major depository of Canadiana in the Middle East.

Plans for 1986 include a major Canada-Israel conference on communications: The Transformation of Cultural Identities and the Impact of American Mass Media on Canada and Israel.

Scheduled for June, 1986, in Jerusalem and October, 1986, in Ottawa, the conference is being planned as a major public and media event to include such activities the exchange of radio and T.V. programs, a film festival, photo exhibitions.

The Program of Canadian Studies has grown to be a valuable window on Canada in Israel and has contributed significantly to the strengthening of the ties and friendship between the two countries.

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Habonim grads battle Kahaneism

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

The U.S. government's recent decision to strip Knesset member Meir Kahane of his American citizenship cannot change the fact he is an American, and a product of American society.

No less significant, and more depressing, is the realization that Kahane's particular brand of "Americanism" has had more of an influence on Israeli society than the "American attitudes" brought here by earlier U.S. immigrants.

This reflects both what some see as a rightward drift in Israel and the changing character of American immigration, now composed largely of Orthodox, ultra-nationalistic men and women.

The other two Americans in the current Knesset, Moshe Arens of Herut and Rabbi Eliezer Waldman of Tehiya, are also right-wingers (though hardly newcomers). And in the Judea, Samaria and Gaza Strip settlements of Gush Emunim, Americans are very prominent.

Indeed, Rabbanit Miriam Levinger of Hebron told me some time ago that "Anglo-Saxons," most of them Americans, make up one-quarter of the membership of Gush Emunim outposts.

Yet there are other Americans with very different attitudes, as was evident last week at Kibbutz Gezer, midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, where nearly 900 graduates of American and Canadian Habonim gathered to mark the 50th anniversary of their movement's establishment. It was primarily a nostalgic occasion, with people — most of whom hadn't met for years or even decades — hugging one another with unrestrained emotion.

But there was also a serious note in the discussions and speeches, most of them devoted to recalling the values that characterized Habonim and their reflection, or lack of it, in the Israel where some 2,500 graduates now live.

While the speakers included Minister of Absorption Ya'acov Tsur and other dignitaries, the most interesting speech was undoubtedly "that of William (Billy) Goldfarb, formerly secretary of American Habonim and now a prominent Tel Aviv lawyer. Goldfarb recalled how seriously the teenagers in Habonim had taken themselves and their mission, and yet avoided feeling, as did members of many other movements, that they had sole possession of the truth.

There was no collective ideology in Habonim; everyone was welcome to propound his own version of Zionism. Following in the footsteps of Labor ideologue Berl Katznelson, Habonim people spoke of the "right to be confused." And confusion there was.

Yet, as Goldfarb and other speakers noted, this did not prevent Habonim members from organizing a string of innovative summer camps and leadership courses, from smuggling arms to the Haganah and manning its illegal immigrant ships, and, finally, from setting up kibbutzim and moshavim in Israel.

The free-wheeling approach characteristic of American Habonim found its reflection in Habonim settlements, where accepted kibbutz ideas were often rejected by the newcomers. Gesher Haziv, a Habonim outpost near the Lebanese border, 30 years ago defied kibbutz movement leaders to establish "lina nifredet" (a system in which children sleep at home rather than in separate quarters). This idea, unorthodox then, has since been adopted by a majority of United Kibbutz Movement settlements.

At Urim, an American Habonim kibbutz in the Negev, members early on decided that their children should attend junior high school with children from the area rather than going to an institution catering solely for kibbutz youngsters. In this sphere too the graduates of Habonim led the way for others.

And in one of the newer Habonim settlements, Gezer, the members — many of them left-wingers — some time ago decided that their community must be open to all Jews. So, contrary to the practice in other secular kibbutzim, they created a kosher kitchen for the community as a whole.

Where city-dwelling graduates of American Habonim are concerned, movement ideals are expressed in work for electoral reform, environmental protection and similar "good causes."

Naturally enough, Habonim graduates are not in agreement on every issue, but in one sphere they are united: all detest the racism brought here by their fellow American, Meir Kahane. It only remains to be seen whether his "Americanism" or theirs will carry the day in Israel.

Rabbi starts turning things around

Norway community gets new life

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The dramatic story has come to light of how an isolated European Jewish community, without a rabbi for more than 20 years, has received new life.

From 1958 to 1980, the Jewish community in Oslo, Norway, functioned without a rabbi. It fell upon Michael Melchior, the eldest son of a Danish family counting six generations of rabbis, to start turning things around in one of the world Jewry's loneliest outposts.

Trained in Israel with the help of the U.S.-based Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Oslo community, Rabbi Melchior opened the first kindergarten in Oslo since the Holocaust and revitalized the afternoon schools, which teach children from ages 7 through 13.

In 1979, there were 39 children receiving religious instruction at the Jewish Community Centre in Oslo. The number for 1985 is 68.

Melchior has reactivated the youth groups. Teenagers study Jewish history, Zionism and religious texts. More than 80% of all Jewish youth are now being reached. Herman Kahan, vice-president of the Oslo Jewish Community, describes one way in which Melchior works with children:

"Expectant faces wait every Friday for the weekly appearance of 'Michael,' as they call him. One week, he appears as a pirate, the next, an expectant mother. His imaginative disguises inspire the children to listen to his words and appreciate Shabbat as something very special. And special it is for the children who bake challah, say kiddush and light the Shabbat candles every week.

"Basic elements of Hebrew are taught in the Jewish kindergarten; and every May 17, the Norwegian national holiday, the children march under their own banner in a children's parade."

Adult education has also been a focus of Melchior. A large number of workshops have been organized under his leadership with study groups in Pirkey Avot, Jewish thought, and Jewish holidays. Melchior's wife, Hannah, has taught classes for potential converts.

Melchior was instrumental in establishing the Kosher Food Centre, a grocery store which at the time of its opening in November 1981 had the largest selection of kosher foods in Europe.

Since 1982, the centre has provided food amounting to $30,000 each year to the Jews of Poland. This enterprise has come about thanks to an agreement with Norway's Church Relief Society

In addressing the larger concerns of the Jewish community, Melchior interprets Judaism and the Jewish community to the Christian community through regular contacts with churches, universities, schools and service groups.

One of Melchior's greatest achievements is the creation of the Norwegian Council of Soviet Jewry, in which he serves as co-chairman with Christopher Gjotterud, a professor of physics.

At the end of this year, Melchior will make aliya. The Oslo Jewish leaders have come up with a plan which will be put into action next year.

Melchior will commit himself to reside in Oslo for four months of every year — including the High Holy Days — and will receive a salary which covers his year's expenses. This solution will enable him to continue his studies in Israel the rest of the year.

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Disabled soldier a ham radio operator

Moshavnik talks to space shuttle

By
JEFF BLACK

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Alon Tavor, a 40-year-old Englishman who emigrated to Israel 20 years ago has, up to very recently, enjoyed the pleasant anonymity of a moshavnik living and working on a moshav near Jerusalem. But ever since a recent voyage of the space shuttle Challenger, Tavor has had to become accustomed to the demands and the attention of the Israeli mass media.

Tavor is what's known as a radio operator. For two hours every night and even more at weekends he can be found sitting at his radio transmitter, contacting and receiving calls from all parts of the globe.

His interest in amateur radio began in 1975 after a horrific injury during his army service in Sinai when he stepped on an unexploded anti-tank missile which had been covered by sand.

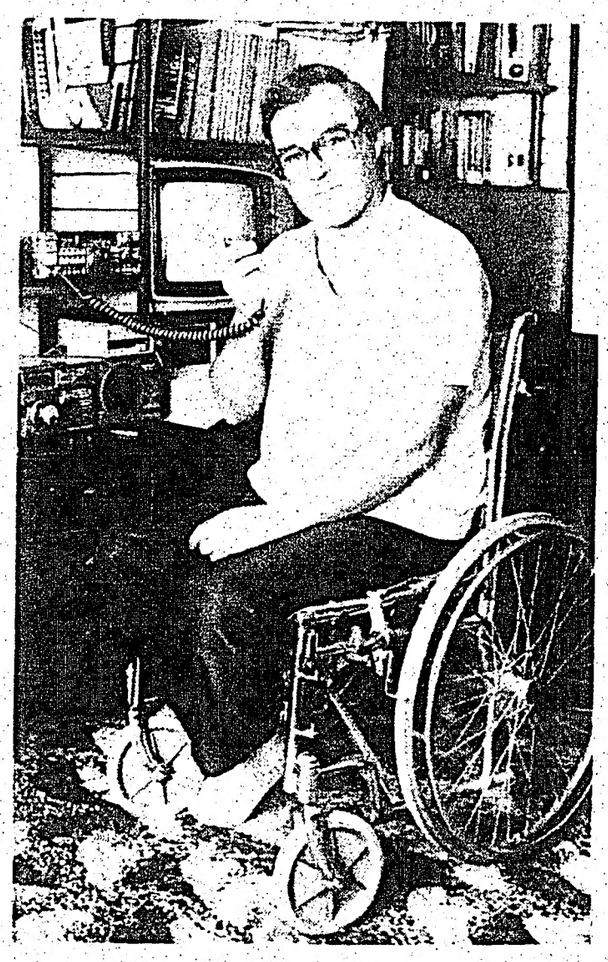
The resultant explosion damaged both his legs and left him blind in one eye and during his recuperation, Tavor felt the need for a hobby which would, as he puts it, "give me something to get my teeth into."

Starting off with a small radio transmitter which cost him $12, Tavor 10 years later, now has $1,000 worth of equipment at his home on Moshav Shoresh, a moshav of 50 families. He recently received a phone call telling him that in 50 minutes time, the space shuttle would be over Israel and that the astronauts were looking forward to making contact with a local radio ham.

Tavor easily established contact with the Challenger, which was then flying at the relatively low altitude of 350 kilometres above the earth, and for two minutes he maintained a radio link with the American space shuttle.

Opening up his transmission with his call sign 4Z4ZB, Tavor then received the call sign of the Challenger and the name of the astronaut broadcasting — Tony. The preliminaries now over, the moshavnik explained to the astronaut that he lived on a farm near Jerusalem, the capital of Israel.

Tony then repeated this mesage to show that contact had been made and added the remark that from space Israel looked great. Tavor then wished the astronauts a safe journey and the contact faded.



Amateur radio operator Alon Tavor of Moshav Shoresh. [Joel Fishman photo]

Back in his office in the kitchen of Moshav Shoresh's hotel, where Tavor is the food and beverage manager, the now famous radio operator is only too happy to talk about his passion for amateur radio. The fascination for him of being a radio operator stems from a desire to communicate with people from a totally different background, and as Tavor says, "On the air you're not allowed to talk politics, you mustn't talk about business, so all you're left with is the good things in life."

The location of Moshav Shoresh, on top of a hill, enables Tavor to receive better than normal reception on his transmitter, and for someone to whom amateur radio is so important, this is no minor consideration.

Amateur radio can often be used to help people. On one occasion Tavor established contact with a ship sailing out of California, among whose crewmen was an Israeli whose mother had just undergone surgery in a Tel Aviv hospital. When learning that Tavor was transmitting from Israel, the anxious crewmen asked him to find out how his mother was.

Later that same evening, Tavor was able to relay the message that the woman was well on the way to a full recovery. In fact, each evening at midnight in Washington and New York a Jewish Net operates whereby Israeli radio operators contact their counterparts in America so as to send messages to their families in the States and vice versa.

With the memory of his cotact with the space shuttle beginning to fade into the past, Tavor still maintains his schedule of daily transmissions and he says, with a wry smile on his face, "After making contact with the Challenger, I'm now waiting for the Russians!" and perhaps, one day, he might just surprise a cosmonaut with his call sign 4Z4ZB — a number which has been heard by so many people in so many countries.

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First Conservative female rabbi

Eilberg hopes to help enrich Jewish tradition

By
STEVEN COHEN

STEVEN COHEN, acting director of Public Affairs at Brandeis University, profiles Brandeis alumna AMY EILBERG, the first female rabbi in the Conservative movement. Following are excerpts from an article by Cohen which appeared in a recent edition of Brandeis Review.

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Rabbi Amy Eilberg, 30, is the daughter of a former congressman from Philadelphia. She says her commitment to Judaism began at age 14 when she traveled for a summer with a program called United Synagogue Youth on Wheels.

"For the first time, I was experiencing traditional Judaism as a living system, as something you practiced each day," she says.

"It also was an experience within a Jewish community, because that busload of kids was a Jewish community in miniature, with all the support that kind of community implies."

Returning home, she asked her family to observe the Jewish dietary laws, which they did. "I was determined to keep kosher and take my religious studies seriously. It was a turning point," she recalls.

Entering Brandeis in 1972, she found that "they didn't have egalitarian services there at all. The men and women sat separately. The women did not have equal rights."

Eilberg says she and a group of friends objected, and the positive response by the Brandeis community, which quickly led to mixed seating, raised her sights from a career in Jewish education to the rabbinate.

"The community did emphatically regard women as equals and entitled. That had a tremendously important role in my decision process."

After graduation from Brandeis in 1976 with a degree in Judaic studies, Eilberg enrolled at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the only school in the world that trains Conservative rabbis, to work for a doctorate in Talmud.

She received a Master's degree in Talmud in 1978 and interrupted work toward the doctorate in order to obtain a Master's degree in social work from Smith College.

Meanwhile, in 1983, the seminary faculty concluded years of debate with a vote to ordain women as rabbis. Eilberg, having completed most of the course work, was poised to become the first, and she was ordained last May.

She feels her main challenge as a rabbi will be "to explore how Jewish tradition can be enriched by the full incorporation of women's experiences and women's insights.

Rabbi Amy Eilberg

"Jewish tradition is based on ancient texts to which we are very loyal but which were produced in an era that didn't allow for a woman's input. They were written by men about men's experiences.

"We need to re-read and re-interpret the old texts to fill in the gaps where it is clear that women's experiences were not taken into account."

Women recognize that some female traits — caring, cooperation, intimacy — are positive and central to what makes us women," Eilberg said.

Women, more than men, bring these traits into their work life, and this implies that the Jewish community will not only be enriched because women aspire to the rabbinate, but women rabbis have a particular kind of contribution to make.

There remains opposition within the Conservative movement, and Eilberg confesses she will have to finesse a few sticky issues in Jewish law.

For example, women were not allowed to testify at judicial proceedings, and the laws governing testimony are interpreted ("by some," claims Eilberg) today as prohibiting women from acting as official witnesses at weddings and divorce proceedings.

"I will perform weddings, and I will consider myself entitled to serve as a witness," Eilberg says.

Divorce is a different matter. A Jewish divorce document, as well as a civil document, is required in the Conservative and Orthodox sects, and since Jewish law weighs in favor of marriage in disputed cases, Eilberg is concerned that her signature on a "get" (the divorce certificate) might present problems for the divorced couple if either party decides to remarry.

"If someone asks me to serve as a witness for a divorce, I would say it is legally permissible, but I would ask the congregant to think carefully if at any point in the future the couple or their children would need to have the divorce recognized by a rabbi who might object to my signature."

Meanwhile, Eilberg has chosen to begin her rabbinical career as a full-time chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, where she began work in August.

Her husband, also a rabbi, teaches at Indiana University, and she probably would have to leave the area to obtain a pulpit. In addition, the hospital work permits her to "develop the human role that rabbis play in people's lives, a role very appealing to me."

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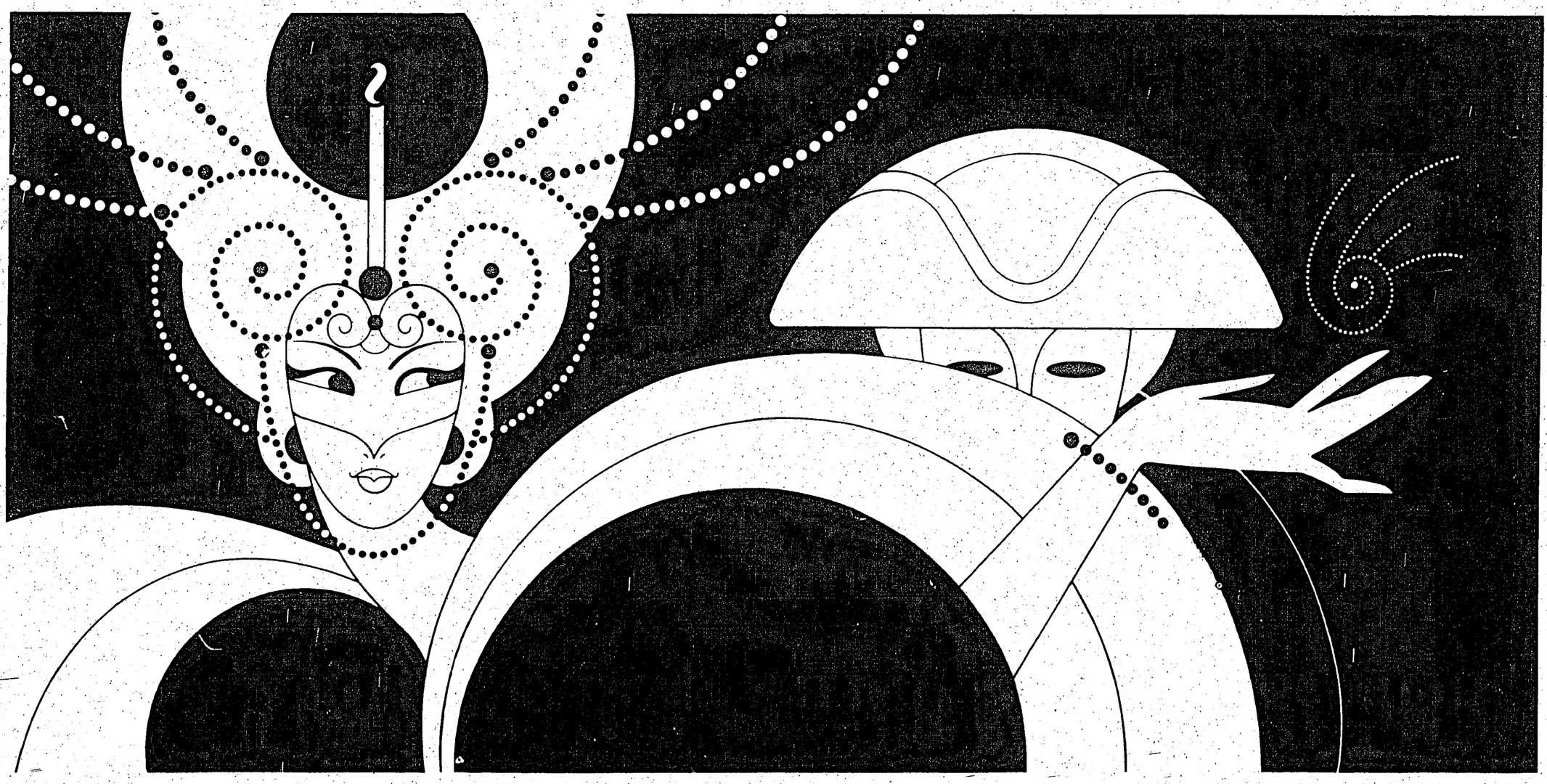

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Epidemiological research

Negev cancer studies hold promise

JERUSALEM —

Epidemiological studies of cancer trends in Israel's Negev, undertaken with the support of the Israel Cancer Research Fund, could provide scientists with significant new data on the cause of various forms of cancer, according to Dr. Daniel Miller, founder and president-emeritus of the ICRF.

The studies are being conducted by Dr. Drora Fraser, an ICRF-funded Fellow, at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, where Miller recently reviewed newly compiled information on the incidence of cancer among the area's residents. "If fully developed, these studies could place Israel in the forfront of epidemiological cancer research," Miller declared.

Phase I of the study involves generating and interpreting data about the occurrence and clinical characteristics of cancer in various groups and the identification of high-risk groups in the local population. The study covers the major Negev cities of Beersheba, Ashkelon and Ashdod and the towns and rural settlements as far south as Eilat.

Fraser is using the data collected to analyze cancer incidence by country of origin and year of immigration in an effort to see if there is any correlation between cancer incidents and length of residence in Israel.

In cooperation with the ministry of health, the ICRF-funded researcher has initiated a case-control study of cervical cancer in the Negev to investigate how behavior and diet affect the development of this type of cancer in Jewish women. She is also studying the risk factors for breast cancer among women in the Negev.

Part II of Fraser's study — not yet implemented due to lack of funds — will include the development of a local cancer registry to compile data about the occupations and dietary habits of all cancer victims, as well as the clinical and pathological data of these patients.

"Such a project would have important implications for medicine worldwide," said Miller, who founded the ICRF in 1976 to support cancer studies by Israeli physicians and scientific researchers. In the last nine years ICRF has allocated almost $3 million in annual stipends to support cancer research in Israel.

Miller, who heads the Strang Clinic-Preventive Medicine Institute, retired as ICRF president last year. He was succeeded by Dr. Yashar Hirshaut of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre.

Calling Fraser "one of a new bread of Israeli scientists," Miller said: "Dr. Fraser has a remarkable opportunity to study the people in the Negev because they seldom move and therefore use the same hospitals and medical facilities for many years. But," he added, "it's not enough simply to look at records. Interviewers are needed to visit patients and perform detailed studies in their homes. Computers are needed to store the volumes of data. So far, however, funds for necessary personnel and equipment simply are not available.

Dr. Daniel Miller

"What a boon it would be for medical science to study and compare the habits of, for example, Jews from Yemen and Ethiopia with their fellow-Jews from America and Western Europe in the 'natural laboratory' that is Israel," Miller said.

"With sufficient funding our researchers could gather data on such pertinent factors as diet, smoking, occupation, sexual behavior and personal hygiene and their impact on the development of various types of cancer."

In 1980, Miller noted, Dr. Harry Suprun, then an ICRF-funded Fellow at Nahariya Government Hospital of the Western Galilee, conducted a pioneering study to compare the incidence of cancer of the cervix among Jewish and Moslem women. That study confirmed that an increase in sex partners leads to greater risk of contracting cervical cancer, Miller said. He observed:

"Israeli society is particularly advantageous for cancer research. Jews from all over the world have come to Israel, bringing with them their distinctive cultures, habits and behaviorial pattern. Thus in Israel doctors can study the impact of genetic, ethnic, cultural and psychological influences on the development of cancer more readily than in many other countries.

"Moreover, the close-knit structure of the kibbutz offers still further opportunities to study the effect of environmental factors on the development of the disease.

"The studies undertaken by ICRF-funded scientists represent, I believe, a positive step forced in our struggle to find the causes and cures for cancer," Miller said. "The establishment of a Cancer Epidemiological Unit to expand upon the base that Dr. Fraser has created would quickly yield answers that could point to long-sought breakthroughs in this vital area of cancer research," Dr. Miller concluded.

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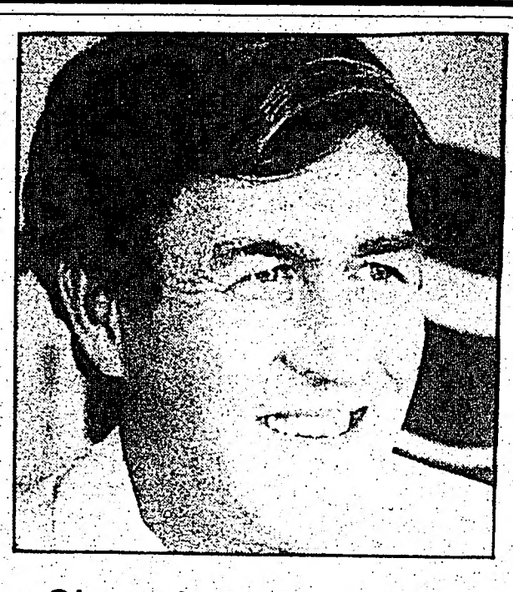
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Memorial honors the secret heroes

By
CARL ALPERT

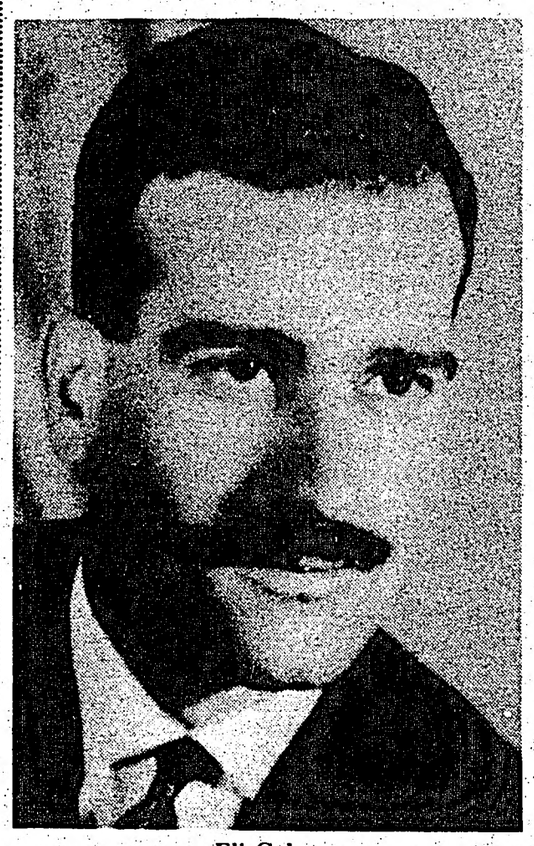
JERUSALEM —

Our sages have proclaimed that one of the highest forms of philanthropy is the contribution given anonymously. There is a contribution still higher in the scale of values — that of a person who gives his life anonymously for a noble cause.

Israel has had more than its share of these unknown heroes operating within the framework of the undercover intelligence community.

Only a few of them have had their stories told, including Eli Cohen, who was hanged in a Damascus Square in 1965, or Dr. Morris Marzuk, the Karaite physician, who was hanged by the Egyptians in 1964. The others rendered their service incognito, unknown in life and unhonored in death.

This historic injustice is now being corrected with the construction of a useful and living memorial where the names of 360 of these previously unknown heroes are at last revealed. And appropriately enough, the funds for the memorial are being given by anonymous donors who, in respect for the memory of the hitherto nameless heroes, have waived all plaques and credits on the building.



Eli Cohen

The only names which appear are of those who served their homeland, and in their lifetime received no medals, no honors and no plaques.

The structure, already standing just outside of Tel Aviv, is unique in several respects. Though born out of wars, it is dedicated to peace. Its name, the Centre for Special Studies, does not do justice to its proposed functions in which library, auditorium, meeting rooms and similar facilities will be utilized for an ongoing program for the preservation and advancement of democracy in Israel in the broadest sense.

The memorial aspect of the institution takes the form of a series of outdoor patios built as a maze. There was mystery in the life and death of these fallen warriors, and the labyrinth of alcoves symbolizes this aura of the unknown, each path leading around a stone wall corner to still another unknown destination. Is there no exit, no future, no end?

The persistent visitor finds his way out at last. The final alcove bears the name Chevlei Shalom, pangs of peace. This is the destination, this the desired goal and this the cause for which Israelis are compelled to fight.

The architecture and the labyrinth are symbolic, for the memorial emphasizes life and continuity. Here is a place for Israel's youth to gather and to sing songs of the homeland. Here "patriotism" will not be a dirty word, sullied by those who have converted self-denigration into an avant-garde "liberalism."

Here will be a library where Israelis, scholars and students alike, may study not only their own history and culture, but also that of the other peoples of the Middle East, with whom we are destined to live. Our knowledge of their ways and their group identity will help us appreciate them as neighbors and as human beings, just as we expect them to accept us as friends who can work together for mutual peaceful development of the region.

The auditorium and the meeting rooms of this unique complex are already in use. In recent weeks a conference was held here on methods of advancing democracy in Israel, with Premier Shimon Peres as principal speaker. Another gathering, attended by architects from all over the country, was devoted to a study of Memorials in Israel — the forms they take and the functions they perform.

The project has been constructed and is being administered by a publicly registered, non-profit and independent organization composed of leading citizens drawn from all walks of life. Former military officers, now distinguished civilians, are prominent among them.

The casual visitor may study the list of names and wonder about the dramatic tale behind each entry. Families of those memorialized may find here, at last, a recognition which had of necessity been denied their loved ones in their lifetime.

And the thoughtful observer may pause once again in the fifth patio, the one which serves as the hoped-for threshold to peace, and consider that here is to be found eloquent expression of the overriding goal and the ultimate purpose of Israel's military establishment.

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Greater choice for young people

Israel programs fit more tastes

By
CAROL GREEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — At one time, not so very long ago, summer programs in Israel meant one of two things: either touring the country or picking oranges on a kibbutz. But no more. Today's youth are increasingly sophisticated and demand summer programs to fit their wide range of interests.

The World Zionist Organization's Youth and Hechalutz Department has a number of programs which combine a whirlwind tour of Israel with an exciting mini-course in a speciality area: from tennis to filmmaking, there are programs to suit almost every taste, no matter how unusual.

"I think that the varied programs we offer are an added incentive for people to visit Israel," says Alec Meyer, director of the programs. Thus far, the strategy has been overwhelmingly successful. This summer, 9,000 young people between the ages of 15 and 25 visited Israel on Youth and Hechalutz sponsored programs. Another 2,000 from Australia and Latin America will visit during the winter months.

According to Meyer, this represents a 15% increase over last year. This year promises to be the most successful since the inception of the programs in 1949.

Participants in the summer program of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the World Zionist Organization.

For future filmmakers, there is the Jerusalem Filmmaking Workshop where participants film, produce and edit their own videos with critiques by Israel's top moviemakers. Tennis buffs can improve their game on the courts at Ramat HaSharon, while budding Einsteins can experiment in the laboratories of the famed Weizmann Institute in Rehovot or program computers at the Hebrew University's Summer Science Institute.

For those who prefer the great outdoors, there is camping, hiking and forestry at the JNF National forests, as well as numerous opportunities for kibbutz work. For youth of more conventional taste, there are also "standard" 4- and 6-week guided tours, where in addition to exploring Israel from north to south, participants venture off the beaten track on rugged nature hikes. Another option is a week-long military adventure at a Gadna army base.

In pursuit of the perfect Israel summer experience, the Youth and Hechalutz Department is continually expanding its selection of programs. An archeology seminar and dig for college students at the Tel Dor excavation site was offered for the first time this summer.

The summer programs for North American youth cost roughly $1,900 (U.S.). Accommodations range from the swank to the spartan. Participants in the Jerusalem Film Workshop stay at luxury hotels and ride around in air-conditioned buses; while kibbutz volunteers rough it in barrack-like dormitories.

Developing the participant's sense of their Jewish identities is a major goal of all the programs. Informal seminars and group discussions that promote a deeper understanding of important issues are an integral part of the summer. "We take into account that this is holiday time. The six weeks are divided between leisure and understanding of Israel and what Israel should mean in their lives," explains director Meyer.

Seminar topics include the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Holocaust and the nation's present military and economic situation. A highlight of the summer is a tour through Jewish history at Tel Aviv's multimedia Diaspora Museum. Participants also have free time to relax on Israel's sunny beaches while mixing with the local Israelis.

For many, the summer in Israel will be their first intensely Jewish experience. Taking this into account, every participant is given the opportunity to spend Shabbat in Jerusalem.

"We've been overwhelmed by the response. These young people are expressing their desire to belong to the Jewish people," says Alec Meyer.

The programs also play an important role in diffusing negative stereotypes. "Some of these kids come thinking that Israel is a big desert and we all go around riding camels, or that Israel consists only of religious people or that she is continually facing military confrontation," explains Meyer.

By the end of the summer these distorted negative images have been replaced by a positive appreciation of the land and its people. For some, the deepened bond will be expressed in a desire to remain in Israel. It is estimated that 80% of olim visited the country at some point on an organized tour.

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By
DAVID PIERSON

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When Moses Znaimer believes in a project he doesn't fool around.

Not satisfied with just taking the play Tamara to Los Angeles, Znaimer recently told The CJN that he envisions opening Tamara in half a dozen major cities, beginning with New York for the coming Broadway season.

"Broadway has been rather flat the last couple of seasons and I think New York audiences will be doubly receptive for the radical departure that Tamara presents," he said.

Tamara is unlike any other theatre experience. Instead of passively watching one stage, the audience follows the 10-member cast throughout a huge villa set in Italy circa 1927.

One moment you can be frantically chasing a maid down the cellar stairs and suddenly find yourself doing an about face and running after a distraught Tamara.

In short it makes for unique theatre-going and is what Znaimer terms, "a living movie."

Staging worldwide productions of Tamara is by no means an amusing sideline for Znaimer, as he passionately believes in the style of theatre that Tamara presents.

"Tamara is into its 17th month in LA and still going strong. What I hope to see happen, is when people are in LA or New York, Tamara will be a must see, like Disneyland or the Empire State Building. And when Tamara has run its course, another play will take its place, so hopefully we can establish a series of venues where people can go and experience that kind of theatre."

It is all quite remarkable considering Tamara's humble beginnings in Toronto on what Znaimer terms "a paltry $15,000 budget."

Tamara's LA production cost a half a million and New York's, with a prime location at 65th and Park Ave., zoomed over the million dollar mark.

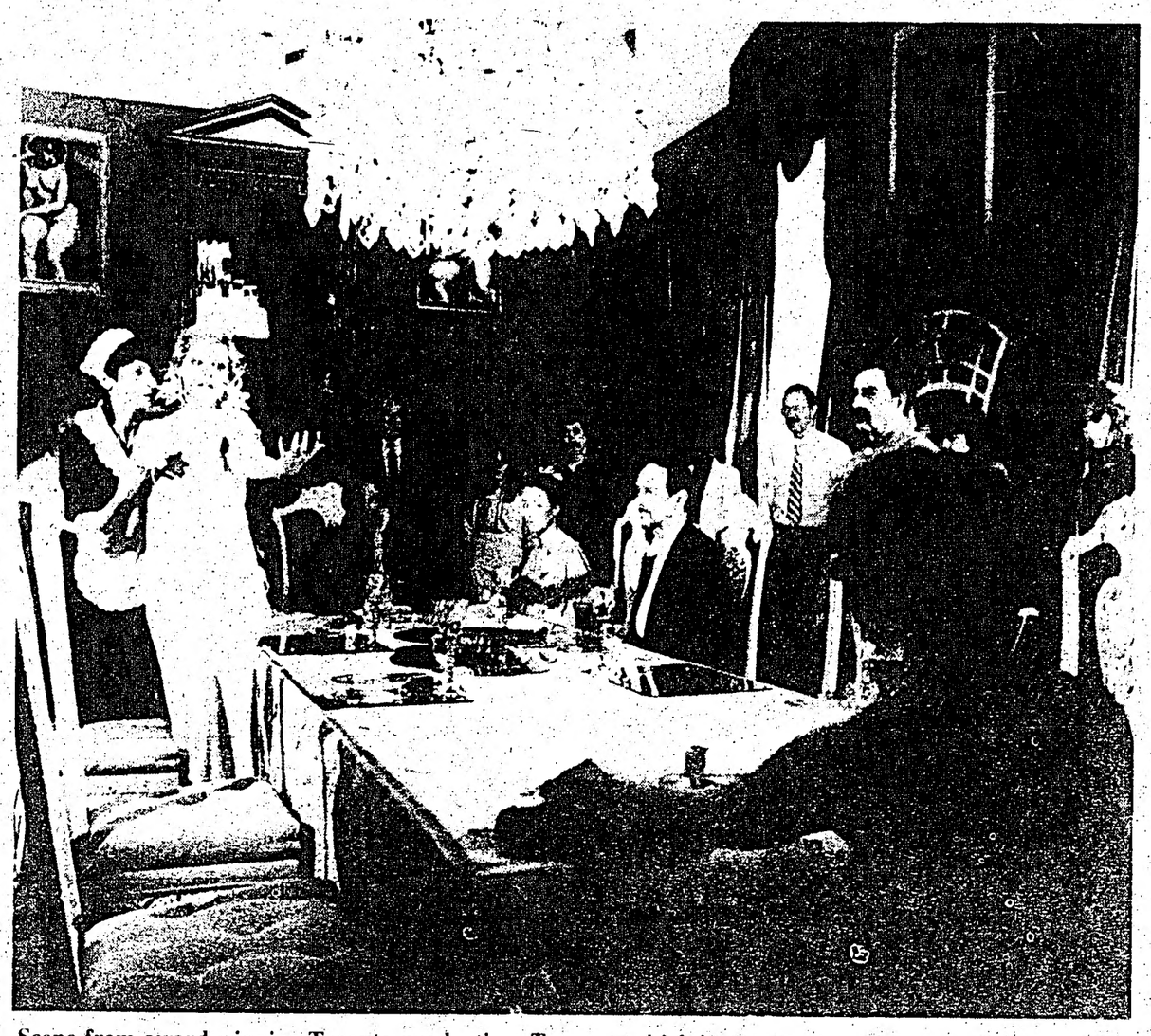
So the logical question is when will Torontonians be treated to the full blown production of Tamara?

Znaimer sighed and said with a laconic, disappointed voice, "Toronto is great for springing a good idea and then rejecting it.

"The only real possible location for Tamara in Toronto is Casa Loma and so far their management can't see anything more creative there than a wedding reception or a Girl Guides banquet — which is a real shame. I'd love to bring Tamara back to Toronto."

So Torontonians will have to content themselves with going to New York if they want to renew acquaintances with Tamara.

Tamara will open in New York the second week of February and promises to be one of the "must sees" for the coming Broadway season.



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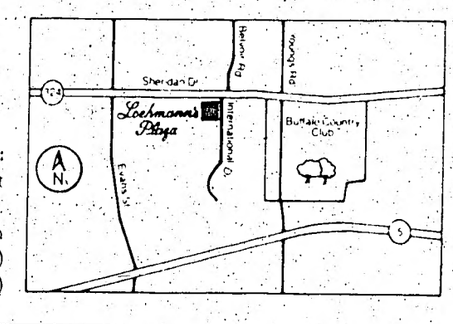

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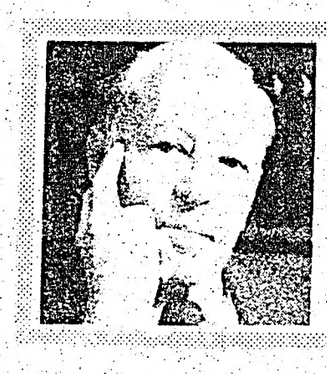

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By BERNARD BASKIN

This is the season when books begin to proliferate. Like a stream that overflows its banks the torrent of books threatens inundation. The eager publishers have opened the gates wide and we are drowned in an ocean of print.

For the next few weeks, in order to accommodate the deluge, as many books as possible will be reviewed.

GIANT BOOK OF LAUGHTER, by Leo Rosten, General Publishing, $29.95.

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The following bits of wisdom are subsumed under Yiddish Sayings.

- Sleep faster, we need the pillows.
- Out of snow, you can't make cheesecake.
- How is it possible that the clod who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter is the father of the smartest grandchild in the world?
- The man who marries for money will earn it.
- The longest road in the world is the one that leads from the pocket.
- Don't call a man honest just because he never had a chance to steal.

Not all of the material is new or inspired and I often found myself nodding my head and saying hello to old friends. But there is enough here to bring a smile to the countenance of even the most determined sourpuss.

TREASURES OF A PEOPLE: The Synagogues of Canada by S. Levitt, L. Milstone, S. T. Tenenbaum, Lester & Orpen Dennys, $40.

About a decade ago, three young architecture students at the University of Toronto researched the nine remaining Toronto synagogues that were built before the Second World War.

This project led to a more ambitious undertaking: a 4-year tour across Canada in search of synagogue structures from Emanu-el in Victoria, to Beth El in St. John's.

The trio traveled 15,000 miles, conducted several hundred interviews and took thousands of photographs. The result of their work — a thorough documentation of the synagogue in Canada — is now part of the archives of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Treasures of a People highlights some of the most unusual, noteworthy and beautiful of the synagogues discovered. This is essentially a picture book with over 100 duotone and 50 colorplate photographs.

A number of the structures are grandiose and magnificent, others are humble, quaint and redolent of a bygone age. Some of the synagogues have been converted into churches, others have been abandoned and forsaken. Ontario and Quebec receive the most attention, but Saskatchewan, Alberta and Nova Scotia — with small, quaint and remote synagogues — are not overlooked.

Two of the book's five sections deal with synagogue art objects such as colorful tapestries, sculpture reliefs and Torah ornament and the use of stained glass windows in structures as different as the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto and the Lubavitcher Synagogue in Winnipeg.

This attractive, oversized volume tells the inspiring story of how a resolute people has responeded to the challenge of worshiping God in the beauty of holiness.

Kids will love these records

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A & M Records of Canada has just pressed a new batch of children's records for kids up to the age of 10 or 11.

Meryl Streep reads from Margery Williams' story, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, in this album of the same title. The Velveteen Rabbit is about inanimate toys which come to life to please a lonely child.

For reasons which this reviewer does not quite understand, Streep resorts to an upper-class British accent to tell the tale, which is otherwise taut and compelling.

Come On In! is utterly appealing. Eric Nagler sings songs like Boom, Boom, Ain't It Great To Be Crazy? Big Green Monster and Too Sick For School.

They're the kind of rousing and wickedly amusing songs which any kid will appreciate.

Cathy Fink can get anyone to stamp their feet in unison. And in *Grandma Slid Down the Mountain*, she does just that with medleys like New River Train and Peanut Butter and Jelly. Highly recommended.

Kids who are just beginning to develop more than just a nodding acquaintance with rock and roll will like *Junior Jug Band (Chris and Ken Whiteley)* and *The Rugrats Rock On*, with Fred Mollin, Ronney Abramson and Ron Garant.

Toddlers on the verge of taking off in their speech development will no doubt be entranced by *Song and Games*, featuring Bob McGrath and Katharine Smithrim.

Celebrating the innocence and charm of a 2-year-old, this album will have him or her bouncing, singing, shouting, clapping and drumming.

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Kids' Records, which is distributed by A&M, has two cassettes by the usually charming Robert Munsch on the market. Munsch, whom my 3-year-old daughter Lauren adores, specializes in audience participation, and these cassettes will certainly encourage that.

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LET MY PEOPLE COME is still drawing big audiences after 5 years in Toronto! Other musical revues try to capture the spirit of this sassy, sexy Grammy-award-winner, but they just don't have the pizazz this has. See it 9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 8 & 11 p.m. Fri. & Sat. at **YORKVILLE RESTORANTE, 21 Yorkville Avenue: 923-3263**

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Muralist Barbara Cooper with her work, "Israel."

Gifted muralist creates colorful wall hangings

TORONTO —

Barbara Cooper creates art you can vacuum.

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Cooper is a muralist who specializes in felt applique wall hangings, a specialty she's practiced since 1980.

A 29-year-old teacher, Cooper takes various sizes and colors of felt and wool swatches and sews them onto a cloth background. The results are colorful, crazy-quilt like murals that can be rolled up for storage and gently vacuumed from time to time.

Cloth, or "soft" mural making is an art Cooper picked up in Israel, home of the art form's foremost proponent, Kalman Shemi.

Cooper spent a year in Israel, a fact evident in her artistic tribute to the country, a 4½- by 4-foot work, entitled, simply, Israel.

The work, which pays tribute to the fact that Israel is holy to three faiths, was exhibited all last winter at the Jewish Community Centre's northern branch.

Another similar work will soon be donated to Temple Sinai, Cooper says.

Cooper's work was highlighted at an outdoor art exhibit last summer.

She also does hand-painted designs directly onto sweatshirts.

Cooper will be one of over 40 scheduled participants in a craft show and sale at the Columbus Centre Art Gallery (901 Lawrence Ave. W.) on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A variety of media will be represented: pottery, painting, printmaking, carving and paper sculpture.

— R.C.

Holiday musical

TORONTO —

For kids and kids at heart, the musical production Mother Goose is delightful fare for the holiday season.

The cast of this musical comedy includes Ross Petty, Tudor Davies and Salome Bey, as The Good Fairy. It will be playing at the Royal Alexandra Theater, 260 King St. W. from Wednesday, Dec. 11 to Sunday, Dec. 22.

Prices range from $15.50 to $23. For reservations call (416) 593-4211.

On Jewish religious experience

LP features sensitive lyrics

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

The production of a Jewish record album is always cause for celebration, especially when it originates from Toronto. The latest such disc is Journeys, consisting of nine original songs by Toronto's Abie Rotenberg, sung by Eli Kranzle, Dov Levine and Abie Rotenberg with guest artist Moshe Yess.

Sensitive lyrics about the modern Jewish religious experience and aimed at a college-age generation are the album's strength. Particularly imaginative is The Place Where I Belong, about a Kiev Torah scroll, and Conversation in the Womb, written in memory of Isabella Rotenberg and based on the inspiring parable found in the classic work Gesher Ha'Chaim by Rav Y. M. Tukachinsky.

The Ninth Man, about yeshiva baseball fans, provides a lighter dimension while The Shadchan introduces a poignant moment in the evolution of love.

Too bad that the accompanying melodies lack such efforts at imagination. Instead of drawing upon the rich Jewish musical heritage, their main derivation is from the largely obsolete, flat American urban-folkie style of the mid-1960s.

Even the two minor key songs are melodically limited and thus ultimately boring. The orchestrations, though technically polished, also lack the sense of drama which the lyrics demand.

Still, in view of the refreshingly sincere lyrics and the shortage of material for the growing numbers of North American Jewish baalei tshuvah and existing religious younger generation, Journeys remains a worthwhile record for the teenage market.

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Soviet Jewish emigre pianist Shura Cherkassy performs an all-Chopin recital at Roy Thomson Hall, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m.

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Ofra Harnoy will perform with the Toronto Symphony a program of lighter works with Erich Kunzel as conductor, Dec. 10-11 at 8 p.m. Violinist Marre Sabat together with Carol Lynn Fujino will be featured in a similar pops concert Dec. 14-15 under the baton of Newton Wayland. Call 593-7769 for details.

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The musical highlight of the Jewish Book Fair was a speech and performance by one of the world's leading violists, Rivka Golani. She spoke of her book Women in Music which will be reviewed in a forthcoming issue.

Meanwhile, Golani will repeat her recent successful Holland Festival program with the Chamber Electronic Ensemble at the Toronto Dance Theatre Auditorium, 80 Winchester St. on Dec. 6 and 7. Call 363-5600 for details.

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Lillian Lux-Burstein, mother of Mike Burstein and herself longtime stage partner of her husband Pesach Burstein, performs an evening of song and comedy in English and Yiddish entitled Memories of the Yiddish Theatre, at Northview Heights Auditorium (Bathurst-Finch) at 7.30 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8. Call for further info 630-8181.

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Now that the Precious Legacy exhibit is over, highest commendation is due to Brian Hogarth, the Royal Ontario Museum official who planned all musical programs.

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Arts

Similar to thousand and one B-movies

Predictable King Solomon's Mines neat escapist fare

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
King Solomon's Mines owes its inspiration to Steven Spielberg and a whole generation of Hollywood grade-B directors who perfected the genre.

Produced by that ubiquitous Israeli duo, Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus, King Solomon's Mines bears striking similarities to *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, Spielberg's hokey adventure, and to a thousand and one exotic thrillers which were churned out by the major studios in the 1930s and 1940s.

Now playing at the Cineplex Odeon Theatres, King Solomon's Mines, filmed in Zimbabwe, is strictly a formula film with a predictable plot and very predictable characters.

Quatermain, a white hunter (Richard Chamberlain), ventures into the heart of "darkest Africa" in search of an American anthropologist who has been kidnapped by a bunch of rogues. The villains want him to lead them to King Solomon's mythical jewels. Quatermain and the anthropologist's winsome daughter, Jesse (Sharon Stone), are out to stop them cold in their tracks.

With variations here and there, this theme has been written to death. Scriptwriters Gene Quintano and James Silke simply embroider it.

In this case, the bad guys are an evil German with a bald head and a waxed moustache, and a slimy, wily Turk given to wearing a turban. The German is addicted to knockwurst and classical music by Wagner, while the Turk is prone to incessant plotting.

Besides foisting these stereotypical figures on a viewer, Golan and Globus present us with a hackneyed, monochromatic picture of black tribesmen who are scared silly or brave beyond words.

Chamberlain comes off as a fearless, wisecracking adventurer spouting James Bond-like double entendres and one-liners, and Stone portrays a wide-eyed innocent fresh from the cornfields of Iowa.

Looking at least a decade younger than 50, Chamberlain romps through this film like a man who is waiting for a better part. Svelte and honey blond, Stone is what they would call "a real looker," in the trade.

Backed up by Jerry Goldsmith's blaring music, which would have done Max Steiner proud, Chamberlain and Stone are propelled into a series of improbable misadventures involving a train, an airplane, a hungry tribe of cannibals, and an uninviting cave promising a king's ransom somewhere in its murky, dangerous depths.

There is never, repeat never, a quiet moment in King Solomon's Mines. Golan and Globus abhor a vacuum, and they like using blood and gore and fiery explosions to light up the screen.

For all its glaring faults, King Solomon's Mines is rarely dull. In fact, it is fun, and children will enjoy it.

My 10-year-old daughter certainly liked King Solomon's Mines, which is classic escapist fare done up in a neat, professional package, and adults may thrive on it too.

Zuckerman produces TV film

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —
Big budget movie making is coming to CBC.

And along with big budgets comes big ambitions which is exactly what executive producer of the project Bernie Zuckerman has in mind.

Big time ideas that are slick and commercial.

CBC will finance three 2-hour "made-for-TV features and as executive producer Zuckerman wants the best producers, directors, writers and actors that Canada has to offer.

"We're not interested in doing Rambo II. We want scripts with strong story lines and something that will appeal to a wide audience."

Zuckerman has been on the job for only a few weeks but says that he has already received a fair amount of response.

"It's been fairly interesting so far. I'm working with a lot of different people and I have three writers working on initial ideas that I have."

Zuckerman comes to CBC's movie-making project with some impressive credentials and experience behind him.

An Osgoode Hall law school graduate, Zuckerman has produced such CBC shows as the Fifth Estate and documentaries on The Journal which has taken him from drought stricken Ethiopia to the streets of Moscow.

Zuckerman, at 37, was ready for some new challenges and had already made plans to move to Paris when the CBC movie offer came through.

"We had committed ourselves to going so my wife and kids are in Paris now and I'm going crazy without them, but hopefully it will all be worthwhile."

Zuckerman will begin to see the fruits of his labor next spring when production on the first movie is slated to begin for airing in the fall.

Ali Baba's world captured in musical of love, adventure

TORONTO —
The romantic musical of the 1920s The Desert Song, book and lyrics by Otto Harbach, Oscar Hammerstein II and Frank Mandel, music by Sigmund Romberg, will preview Jan. 15 and open Jan. 23 at the Bayview Playhouse, 1605 Bayview Ave., Desert Song Productions has announced.

This musical of romance and melodrama adapted by Christopher Newton, was originally produced at the Shaw Festival in 1982.

Newton, artistic director of the Shaw Festival, once again directs this tale of love and high adventure in the Arabian desert, with choreography by Robert Ainslie.

The exotic world of Ali Baba is captured in fantastical settings and costumes by designer Mary Kerr, with musical direction by Roger Perkins and Christopher Donison. Lighting design will be by Jeffrey Dallas. Marie Baron plays the captivating heroine Margot Bonvalet with Victor Young as the elusive Red Shadow.

Tickets for The Desert Song will be on sale at the Bayview Playhouse Box Office at 1605 Bayview Ave.

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Over 150 works in variety of media

Charities to benefit from art sale at Toronto gallery

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A major fund raising event is in the offing for Toronto's Jewish community, as the Circle Art Gallery (19 Hazelton Ave.) is putting final touches to an all-Israeli art show and sale, with 20% of all proceeds going to a Jewish or Israeli charity.

The display, scheduled from Dec. 5 to 15, will showcase the gallery's regular artists as well as the work of at least 15 of the biggest names in Israeli art today, says the 3-month-old gallery's director, Susan Hahn Grafstein.

So far, over a dozen Jewish organizations have pledged to attend the exhibit and purchase some of the works, with 20% of the purchase price going to the charity of the group's choice, Grafstein says.

Pioneer Women Na'amát Hadassah WIZO, ORT, the Board of Jewish Education, State of Israel Bonds, Jewish National Fund and the Canada-Israel Committee are just a few of the groups that have loaned their support to the project and who will send members Grafstein said.

Over 150 works will be featured in a variety of media, including at least three serigraphs by Yaacov Agam, perhaps the foremost name in contemporary Israeli art and on the world art scene, she added.

"Agam's work is instantly recognizable," Graftsein told The CJN. "It's bright and beautiful."

In the U.S., the Circle Fine Art Corporation, the gallery's parent company, is Agam's sole representative.

The son of an Orthodox rabbi, Agam has had his work shown around the world in countless 1-man shows.

Also to be showcased are the works of Dubi Arie, a former Israeli paratrooper now living in Toronto. At least five of Arie's paintings and lithographs will be displayed.

For fans of textile wall hangings, Kalman Shemi's "soft murals" will be exhibited.

Other Israeli artists to be showcased include Sophie Jungreis, Naftali Bezem, Ruth Zafarti and Avi Schwartz.

The gallery will also feature the work of Leonor Fini, a Jewish artist who since 1936 has been at the forefront of modern art.

The gallery will also show works by Erte, the internationally acclaimed art nouveau illustrator.

Handmade jewelry by Israel's leading jewelry artist, Rachel Gera, will also be featured. These are all .925 silver and slightly oxidized to lend them that exotic look. A 1-woman show by Gera has been scheduled at the Art Gallery of Ontario for next spring.

An additional 70 works of Israeli art will be brought to the gallery from the Atara Gallery in Montreal, which specializes in the art of Israel.

For those who have admired the sculpted doors of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in the Lipa Green building, a scaled-down version by artist Andrew Posa will be for sale.

Grafstein says prices should range from $200 for some framed pieces to as much as $6,000.

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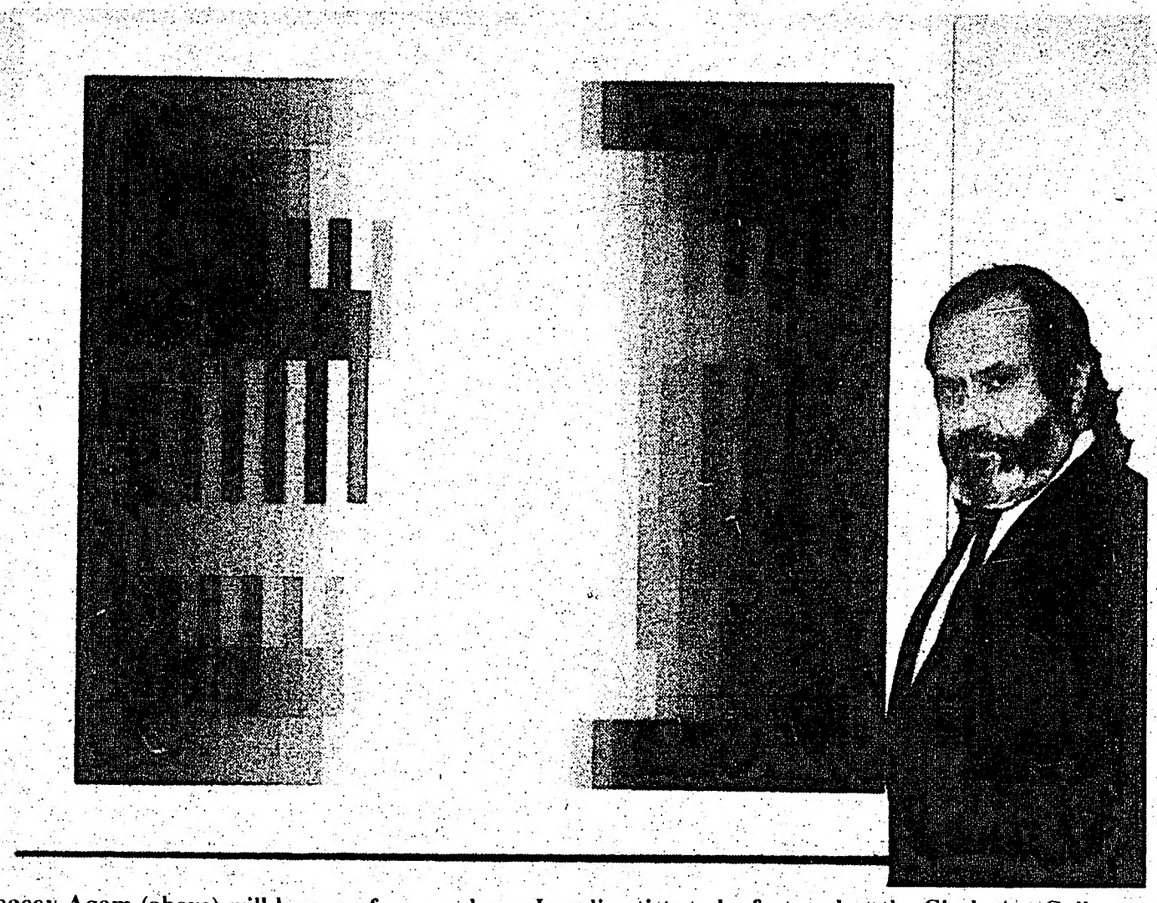

Yaacov Agam (above) will be one of over a dozen Israeli artists to be featured at the Circle Art Gallery, Dec. 5-15.

Rosen's latest play a tropical thriller

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont. —

The Shaw Festival's third Toronto Project officially opens with the Canadian premiere of Sheldon Rosen's latest play Souvenirs on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, co-produced with the Factory Theatre, the Shaw Festival has announced.

In this tropical thriller set on a South Pacific island, six vacationers, serenely oblivious of their intrusion onto the island's political landscape, confront a dilemma.

Their survival, dependent upon how much responsibility they assume for themselves and for the island's inhabitants is "ultimately tested . . . as the storm approaches.

The Toronto Project is the Shaw Festival's urban complement to produce contemporary plays outside Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Souvenirs will preview at the Factory Theatre Dec. 27, 28 and 30 and will open Dec. 31 with a New Year's Eve performance for $20. The play continues to Jan. 26 at the theatre, located at 125 Bathurst St., at Adelaide St.

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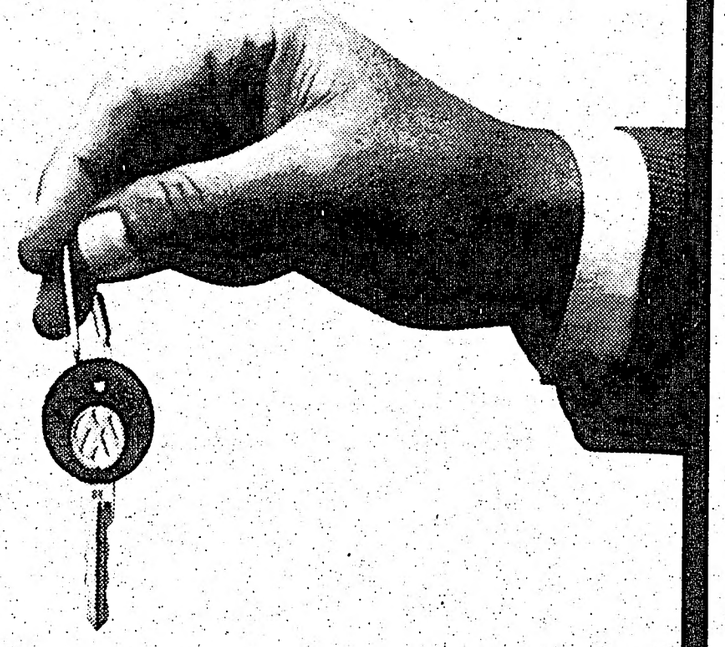

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Arts

Current affairs show "a cut above"

Television host Solomon tackles controversial issues

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —
If you want to watch TV in the afternoon but want something more than a game show or another dreary soap opera you might try CTV's Lifetime.

Lifetime is a current affairs show a cut above the usual afternoon TV fare, with co-host, Shirley Solomon, being one of the main reasons.

"I cover the issues that lend themselves most to a woman doing the interview," Solomon said in a recent conversation with The CJN.

Solomon has tackled such topics as how to discuss nuclear war or a divorce with your children, how to cope with widowhood and breast cancer.

Solomon has come a long way since her family left penniless from Fulda, Germany after the war.

"My mother was a survivor from Auschwitz, so when I hosted Chai on channel 47, I made Nazi war criminals an issue long before it became fashionable as I thought and still do that it is very important never to give up the search for those people."

Solomon's parents immigrated to Canada and Shirley attended Central Commerce High before obtaining a degree from York Univeristy in English and Theatre Arts.

Upon graduation Solomon pursued an acting career, doing made-for-TV movies and local theatre.

"As an actress I was very mediocre. I played one of the daughters in a production of Fiddler on the Roof at the Limelight. I did some films and it's kind of funny that my first two roles were playing newscasters."

Realizing an acting career wasn't for her, Solomon won a position with MTV channel 47's weekly magazine show Life — better known in its Hebrew translation Chai.

"I was the whole show. I wrote, produced and hosted the whole thing. It was a wonderful training ground and I'm very proud of my work there."

Solomon was not afraid of controversy during her 4-year stint at Chai and dealt with such closet issues as homosexuality and wife battering in the Jewish community.

"I felt it was important to bring those social issues out into the open and we had a fairly eclectic show. We had people like Isaac Stern and David Brinkley on and we called a Refusenik once a month in Moscow."

While at MTV Solomon also found time to do a documentary entitled So You Want to be a Star, about an obese girl who wants to be a dancer. Solomon won a CANPRO, an award given to journalists by their peers for reports of exceptional merit for that documentary.

After leaving MTV Solomon went to Global Television where she co-anchored the news and served as their entertainment reporter.

She left Global and went to work on CFTO's documentary on battered women entitled No Place To Hide.

"It was a moving experience to work with families that had been torn apart by wife beating and it was the first show that talked to the perpetrators and the victims together."

Following No Place to Hide, Solomon was hired for CTV's Lifetime and before long found herself as an on-air host.

It's a position that agrees with her, although she worries about the time spent away from her husband, Les Kotler, and daughter Stephanie.

"It's not easy being a wife and mother and having a career at the same time. It's those issues that Lifetime tries to address which is why I find it enjoyable and challenging."

Shirley Solomon

Judaica collection loaned to Beth Tzedec

TORONTO —
Opening Dec. 8 in the museum of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue (1700 Bathurst St.) will be an interesting addition to the museum's permanent display of Judaica.

John Pollock, a Toronto lawyer and art collector, will be lending his impressive collection of Jewish artifacts to the synagogue for a 2-month exhibit.

Included will be 90 Jewish ceremonial objects, amassed by Pollock from around the world over a 20-year period.

The collection comprises silver and brass Chanukah menorahs, silver candlesticks, vessels, and Torah pointers; Torah covers and ark curtains; rare etchings and prayer books.

But other, more offbeat items are included: a prayer book from 1916 exclusively for women and a treatise on the place of the woman in the Talmud; a book of folk medicine written in Yiddish and two ritual slaughter knives (chalefs), one whose handle still bears the shoichet's teeth marks. The shoichet would hold the knife in his mouth while holding a chicken's neck with his hands.

There will also be handwritten ketubot (Jewish marriage certificates) on display, as well as one handwritten get (divorce certificate).

The exhibit will be part of the Beth Tzedec's ongoing 100th anniversary celebration of the merger between the Goel Tzedec and the Beth Hamidrash Hagadol synagogues, the Beth Tzedec's parent congregations.

The exhibit opens Dec. 8 with a reception at 8 p.m., and there will be a talk by Pollock on Jewish ceremonial art.

"I've been collecting Canadian art for some 20 years," says Pollock. "But unlike Canadian art, Jewish art is as old as Judaism itself. To a great degree, it's a fulfilment of the religious commandments because it is an expression of the love of God in a very personal sense."

Arie's works on show

TORONTO —
Lion's Gate Art Inc., a private Willowdale art gallery, will be presenting a 10-year retrospective of the work of painter Dubie Arie, at Queen's Quay Terminal, 5th floor, on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

A 46-year-old former Israeli paratrooper, Arie, who now lives in Toronto, has painted a number of biblical themes since he began his art almost 20 years ago.

Arie says the 1-evening showing will comprise over 50 of his works and will be "the biggest show of my life."

Invited guests will include former Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey. A Chanukah candle lighting ceremony will be conducted by Cantor Armand Moyal.

Guests will also view a video presentation on Arie's major work-in-progress, entitled Under the Wings of God and the Shadow of Amalek.

Arie began the work seven years ago and he estimates it will be finished in less than a year. Spread over seven panels and measuring 7 by 38 feet, the painting depicts over 2,000 years of Jewish history in a continuous visual story.

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Discounts for Canadians

San Diego to hold Maple Leaf Days

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

SAN DIEGO —
During the winter months the temperature in this second largest California city seldom goes below 18 Celsius (65 Fahrenheit).

This January for the eighth year San Diego will hold Maple Leaf Days, with special events and, what is even better, a 20% discount for Canadians at 126 hotels, motels, restaurants, activities, attractions, transportation, tour services and many shops. (For a list of all the places offering the discount to visiting Canadians write to San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1200 Third Ave., Suite 824, Dept. MLM, San Diego, CA 92101.)

That San Diego is becoming popular with international travelers is noted with the opening of an International Visitor Information Centre at First Ave. and F. St. The new facility is just three blocks from the Greyhound bus depot, a comfortable walk from the Amtrak railway station and cruise ship terminal, and only a short taxi ride from Lindbergh Field, the San Diego International Airport. The centre is open daily from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. every day of the week and has a multilingual staff.

The Star of India.

The city has numerous attractions. It was founded more than 200 years ago and its old parts have been preserved in Old Town, dating back to Spanish and Mexican times and the Old West of the 19th century. Just six blocks of the city are now a state historic park with restored old homes, early California-style dining spots and museums of early California life.

Like this travel reporter you'll find many attractions in Balboa Park, an area bequeathed to the city as the result of the Panama-California Exposition of 70 years ago. Here are numerous museums from art galleries housing fabulous old masters to modern space transports. This is an area with tropical plants, miles of garden walks, ponds filled with a variety of water lilies and the famous San Diego Zoo with over 3,000 animals and 775 species on exhibit.

You can walk through the 100-acre zoo or take guided tours on a motorized train or on double-decker buses or see it from above on an aerial tramway. Most of the animals are in open areas resembling their native habitat with wide moats between them and visitors.

There is a huge walk-through aviary with thousands of bird species flying about.

A children's zoo has an area where the youngsters can be close to young animals. And if you want more there is the Wild Animal Park some 30 miles (45 kilometres) north of San Diego, covering a much larger area with plenty of space for the thousands of animals to roam freely.

Balboa Park also a Museum of Man, a Natural History Museum, a Science Centre and several space museums. In the Botanical Garden there are cottages from 15 Pacific area countries. Musical concerts and theatrical productions are also staged in the park, in many of the buildings of Spanish-Moorish architecture left over from the exposition of 1915-16.

San Diego being a major United States Navy region has a Maritime Museum, where among other sailing ships which can be toured is the Star of India, built in England in 1863, a 3-master which circled the globe many times and has been at the museum since 1926. Several other old ships are in the museum including a luxury yacht of World War I vintage and a ferry boat built at the turn of the century.

With the Pacific Ocean close by there are boat trips in the harbor which provide 1- and 2-hour narrated excursion trips from the foot of Broadway in downtown San Diego.

You'll pass the Maritime Museum, watch tuna fishermen close to shore mending their nets, pass the U.S. Coast Guard Air station, travel under the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge, see U.S. Navy ships and suibmarine base, fishing boats and freighters.

You'll also pass the Juan Cabrillo Nomument at Point Loma, honoring the European who first landed in the area in 1542. It is also a place where gray whales can be seen from mid-December to mid-February.

There is much more to see and do in San Diego. But since the city is practically on the U.S.-Mexico border, many visitors go to Tijuana across the border for a glimpse of Mexican life. To make things easier not only for the local citizens, but also visitors, new international signs were established this year for everything from nurseries to helicopters and public regulations from "no fishing" to "no radio or tape playing."

There are many synagogues in San Diego.

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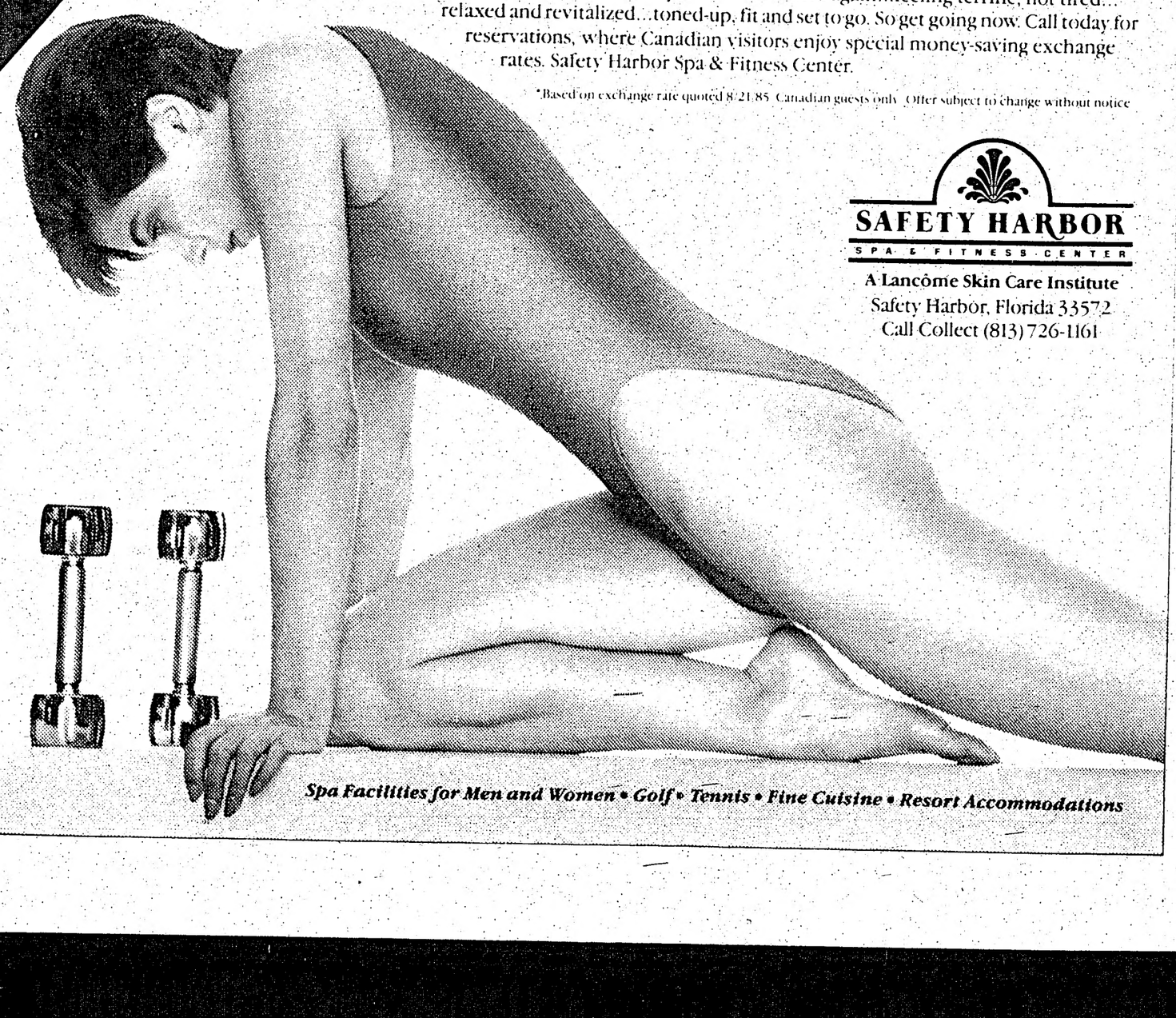
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Vancouver's Expo offers the latest in transportation

By
JAMES MONTAGNES
VANCOUVER —

When you come to Vancouver's Expo 86 next summer — it starts on May 2 — you'll be able to see and travel on the latest transportation systems without extra charge. The rides on the new French Soule people-moving system and the Japanese HSST magnetic train, as well as rides on monorail and ferries are free with the admission ticket.

The innovative Soule urban transportation system has a capacity of 6,000 passengers per hour in 10-to 12-person cars which run automatically every 15 seconds either at ground level or an elevated track. It is a cable-driven system, with the cabins on steel wheels pulled forward and back along a single track.

The system will be the first of its type in North America and opens at Vancouver at the same time as one in Paris.

With transportation and communication the themes of Expo 86, visitors will also be shown a section of a Russian space laboratory. A 33-metre (about 100 feet) long Russian orbit complex will be at the Russian pavilion. This working space lab comes to Vancouver on the 25th anniversary of man's first space flight when Yuri Gagarin in the spaceship Vostok orbited the earth.

The Canadian-developed Magnus Airship, which was featured at the Paris International Air Show this past summer will be at Expo 86 on a landing pad at Aivation Plaza. This lighter-than-air craft can lift and transport loads of up to 60 tonnes, whereas the largest helicopters can only take up to 16 tonnes. A 22-metre (71 feet) piloted prototype of the Magnus LTA 20-1 will be at the show, built by Magnus Aerospace Corp. of Ottawa.

But there is much more than new transporation equipment at the Expo 86. For instance, on May 8 and 9, the famous Norweigian explorer and anthropologist, Thor Heyerdahl, will be keynote speaker at a conference on exploration of yesterday and today. Heyerdahl is best known for his travels a few decades ago in the balsa and reed rafts KonTiki and Ra to show how ancient people traveled long distance over the Pacific Ocean to colonize the South Pacific islands.

And Norway's pavilion will feature the early explorations of its seaman to mark the 1,000th anniversary of Bjarni Herjulfson's discovery of North America when he missed Greenland in a fog and landed on today's Newfoundland coast. Remains of that expedition and later settlement have been found at the northern tip of Newfoundland.

Opening day May 2 events will include a chorus of 1,986 voices from all parts of Canada. There will be ethnic amateur Canadian entertainment from May 2 to Oct. 13. There will be school, ethnic and community performing arts groups at the Plaza of Nations.

In a 1,500-seat International Amphitheatre there will be various international folk festivals, including the medieval 60-member Ikuta Shinto Shrine Performing Group from Japan, Kenya's Bomas Folk Dance Troupe, Indonesia's Gamelan Orchestra and Bali's Ketjak Monkey Dance.

There will also be dance and ballet groups from Europe and North America, orchestras from many countries, jazz and rock bands.

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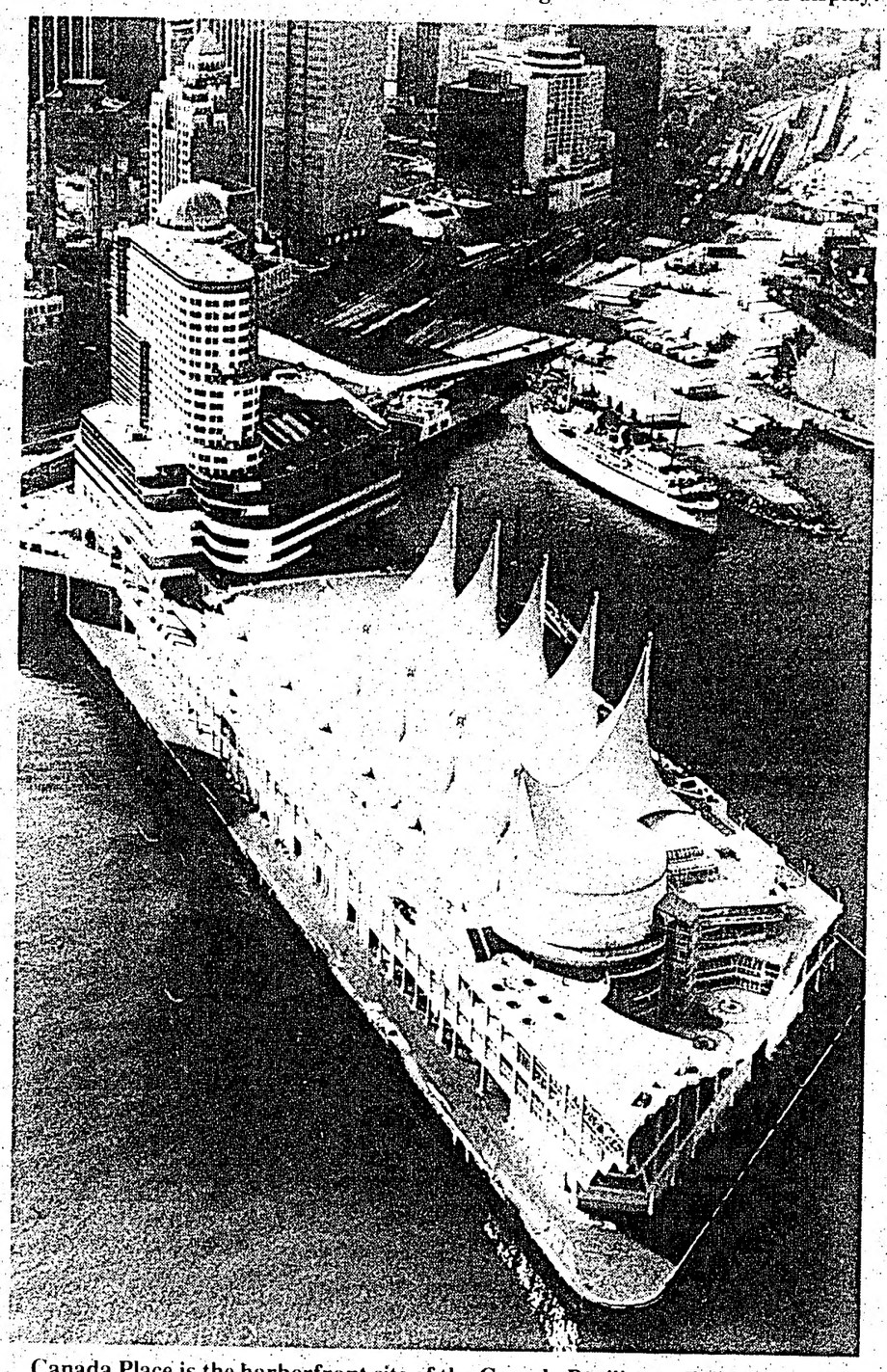

Canada Place is the harborfront site of the Canada Pavilion at Expo 86.

Some 80 pavilions will have exhibits from almost 50 different countries, many American states, most Canadian provinces and a number of corporate exhibitors. The musical ride of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be performed daily at the Show Bowl.

Latest countries to have announced their participation are Hungary with some of its Ikarus articulated buses recently sold to Ottawa's public transit system; Switzerland, which will display the largest wrist watch in the world and its cable transportation system which will be used at Expo 86; Sri Lanka which will feature its tourist attractions and wealth of precious and semi-precious minerals; Costa Rica exhibiting its coffees as well other agricultural resources; and Brunei which will display some of its villages on stilts in the South Pacific where its wealth is based on oil.

If you want to buy 3-day tickets to Expo 86 before you go, branches of the Royal Bank have them on sale until Jan. 6 at $34.95 for adults, $17.50 for seniors and children from 6 to 12 years; from Jan. 7 to May 1 at $39.95 adults, $19.95 seniors and youngsters; from May 2 for duration at $45 for adults, $22.50 for seniors and children.

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Marvelous Minneapolis wants increase in Canadian tourists

By
GENE TELPNER

MINNEAPOLIS — Minneapolis, a city 462 miles southeast of Winnipeg, seems to have everything. It boasts numerous fine hotels, thousands of good restaurants, and the magnificent Nicollet Mall which is the longest in North America.

But there is something else that Minneapolis wants more than anything else: More tourists from Canada . . . particularly from Manitoba!

Years ago when two trains a day connected Winnipeg with Minneapolis the fondest holiday for thousands of Canadians was a weekend in the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Now it is easily reached by three daily Northwest Airline flights, bus service, and of course by car.

Barb Scholle, director of tourism for Minneapolis, said the city of lakes is going to make a full-fledged effort to inform Canadians that they are wanted.

"Already we are placing ads in your papers offering free guides to our tourist attractions. We are very much aware that Canadians love to travel, and after all we aren't too far away."

Roger Toussaint, the general manager of the Convention and Visitor Commission of Minneapolis, said a 60-member delegation from the twin cities will be in Winnipeg in the spring of 1986 on a promotion blitz.

"We are very conscious of the fact there is a big difference between American and Canadian currency. But we are doing our best to persuade our hotels and merchants to take Canadian money at par," he said. There has already been a measure of sucess with the Leamington Hotel already accepting Canadian dollars at par for rooms.

Some of the Minneapolis attractions are already proving big draws. One is the new Canterbury Downs race track which is showing a profit in its very first year of operation.

The other is the fantastic Hubert Humphrey Metrodome where indoor baseball and football by the Minnesota Twins and Vikings Football team is bringing a great many Canadians to the south.

Of course Viking coach Bud Grant formerly played and coached for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, so he has become a 1-man promotion ad for Minnesota.

The Metrodome in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis has weather not too far removed from Winnipeg's climate, but they have done a great deal to harness the cold. For example, the sidewalks along the entire mall are heated so the falling snow melts instantly.

More important, 57 major buildings are now connected with skyways so you can virtually cover the shopping and dining scene without wearing an overcoat. All of these skyways are paid for by the stores; what's more 5% of retail profits are earmarked for community endeavors.

One of the fine downtown hotels, The Amfac, is part of a huge shopping complex with nearly a hundred stores, a plus attraction for Canadian visitors who want to shed heavy winter clothes.

The skyline of Minneapolis is changing, and any Canadian who hasn't been there for years will barely recognize the city. For example, the view from the 50th floor of the IDS Centre is sensational, the perfect setting for a fabulous brunch in the 50th floor Orion Room Restaurant.

There is outstanding entertainment in the twin cities, with the Guthrie Theatre attracting fans from all across the continent. Some of the other exceptionally good entertainment facilities include the Carleton Dinner Theatre, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, the annual Renaissance Festival, Orchestra Hall, Riverplace with its culinary delights, and the great Minnesota Zoo.

Minneapolis gets the Broadway shows that don't come to Winnipeg. And it's much less expensive to fly there for a hit than to go all the way to New York with its inflated prices.

Coming up in 1986 to Minneapolis are such biggies as Zorba the Greek starring Anthony Quinn, The Tap Dance Kid, a revival of Neil Simon's The Odd Couple starring Sally Struthers and Rita Moreno, and 42nd Street which has been one of Manhattan's biggest money makers.

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Travel

Atlantic City's Boardwalk has witnessed many "firsts"

By
JEFF ROSEN

ATLANTIC CITY — America's most famous "main" street is not found in New York, Los Angeles or Miami, but just seven miles off the southern New Jersey coast in Atlantic City.

The world famous Boardwalk attracts millions of visitors from all over the world each year who manage to take advantage of the 6½ mile stretch (4½ miles in Atlantic City and 2 miles in adjacent communities) in many ways, from shopping, strolling, bicycling, jogging and sightseeing to sunbathing and parade-watching.

Those interested in avoiding the wear and tear on their feet can easily find alternative transportation along the Boardwalk. The rolling chair tour allows tourists to see the Boardwalk at a leisurely pace while listening to a history of the area from a guide who operates the hand-pushed carts.

A fleet of motorized trams is also available to take the eager visitor for a ride along the Boardwalk.

The present Boardwalk is the fifth, and dates back to 1896. Jacob Keim, a Quaker hotel-keeper annoyed at having bathers return from the beach to mess up his hotel, and Alexander Boardman, a railroad conductor aggravated at the sand tracked into his train by homebound excursionists, are credited with inspiring the idea for the first Boardwalk which opened in 1870.

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It was a mile long, wide enough for four people to walk abreast, and cost about $5,000. It was made up of collapsible 12-foot sections which were placed directly on the sand to be taken up in the fall and stored in a barn.

The present Boardwalk is quite different. Sixty feet across at its widest point, it is constructed of long leaf yellow pine boards which are seated on concrete and steel pilings. Before shipment to Atlantic City, the lumber is chemically treated to extend the life span of the boards — each of which has a life span of five to 10 years.

Over its long history the Boardwalk has seen many "firsts," including an Easter parade in 1876, a ferris wheel in 1896, an amusement pier built over the water in 1882 and the first color picture postcards in 1893.

Today the Boardwalk continues to play an important role in Atlantic City's growth, as tourists flock to see the famous strip, surrounded by sandy beaches, shops and casino hotels.

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JCC honors weight rooms benefactor Weider

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

About a year has passed since the major renovations in the athletic facilities at the Jewish Community Centre.

It was one year ago that Ben Weider donated $100,000 in top of the line bodybuilding equipment for the northern and Bloor St. branches of the JCC.

In that one year of use, approximately 35,000 people have pushed, pulled and pumped their way to better health and a finer physique in the Ben Weider weight room at the Bloor St. branch, says program director Harold Cipin.

To honor their benefactor, the JCC, both Bloor and Bathurst St. branches, held ceremonies to mark the 1-year anniversary of the weight rooms.

Ben Weider, who makes his home in Montreal and who flew in for the occasion, was on hand at both branches one hectic Sunday morning recently, as a number of staff people and volunteers expressed their thanks for his support in upgrading the facilities.

Ben Weider

Weider, who is president of the International Federation of Bodybuilders, was treated to a breakfast reception at the Bloor branch and afterwards toured the constantly improving weight room.

Since his generous donation, the room has expanded, Cipin noted, air-conditioning has been installed, and there is constant supervision for those using the weights and exercise stations.

In fact, Cipin added, there are currently about 100 people on specific, individualized weight training programs at the Bloor branch.

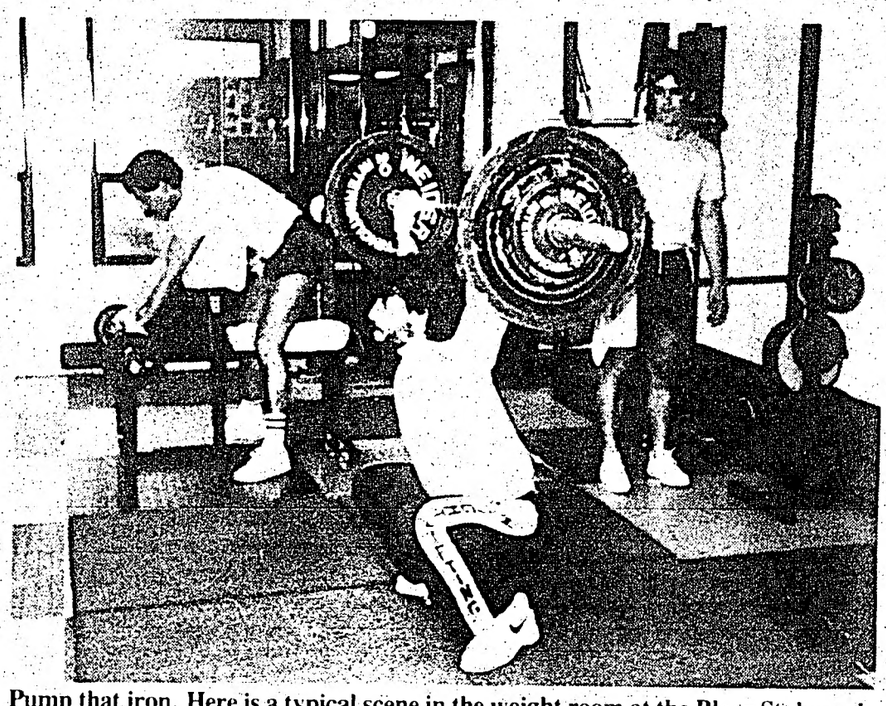
The new equipment has attracted more women than before, Cipin told The CJN, making the facility "a purely coed environment." In fact, the number of women participating is increasing faster than the number of men, he added.

Weider was clearly impressed by the maintenance of the room, and the way the JCC staff is keeping the equipment in good condition.

"You could see the contentment on his face," Cipin said.

His message to the 90 people at the breakfast reception where he was presented with a plaque in gratitude for his generosity, was "it's never too late to get in shape," Cipin said.

Cipin noted the work and planning of Lindsay Henderson, Herb Titus and Ron Eland in organizing the reception for Weider.



Pump that iron. Here is a typical scene in the weight room at the Bloor St. branch of the JCC.

B'nai B'rith hockey standings for the week of Nov. 27

A DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
TFL Whalers	8	5	2	1	11
Forestdale Big Steel	8	3	3	2	8
Canyon Brokers	8	3	3	2	8
The Association	8	3	3	2	8
LMOL Hawks	8	3	4	1	7
TFL Teammates	8	2	4	2	6

Player of the week was Neil Weinberg of Forestdale Big Steel

B DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
TFL Feathers	8	7	0	1	15
TFL Fantasticks	8	7	1	0	14
Maccabiah Red Wings	8	5	2	1	11
Upper Canada Bruins	8	5	2	1	11
TFL Beaver Canoes	8	4	3	1	9
TFL Paris Kitchens	8	3	4	1	7
Canyon Kings	8	3	4	1	7
LMOL Reds	8	3	4	1	7
Don Mills Axeman	8	2	4	2	6
Forestdale Sting	8	2	6	0	4
TFL Plumbers	8	1	5	2	4
TFL Satelites	8	0	7	1	1

Player of the week was Ruven Waltman of the Paris Kitchens.

C DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Manor Metro Angels	9	8	0	1	17
Don Mills Wasters	8	7	0	1	15
Canyon Ultacuckers	8	6	1	1	13
LMOL Furriers	8	6	1	1	13
Maccabiah Black Hawks	8	6	2	0	12
TFL Flyers	8	6	2	0	12
Maccabiah WeissGuys	8	5	3	0	10
TFL Hav A Kars	9	3	3	3	9
TFL Refiners	9	2	4	3	7
TFL Flood	8	4	4	0	8
Yorkdale Gunslingers	9	4	5	0	8
Canyon Panthers	9	3	4	2	8
Forestdale Blades	8	3	5	0	6
North York Habs	9	2	7	0	4
LMOL Brewers	8	1	4	3	5
Maccabiah Grinders	8	1	5	2	4
Don Mills Presidents	8	0	7	1	1
Maccabiah Toe Biz	8	0	8	0	0

Player of the week was Steve Lash of the Don Mills Wasters.

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Ex-NBA head Maurice Podoloff dies at age 95

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Funeral services were held last week for Maurice Podoloff, former commissioner of the National Basketball Association, who died here at a rest home. He was 95 years old.

Born in Russia in 1890, Podoloff came to the United States as a child, later attending Yale Law School from which he graduated in 1915.

In 1926, Podoloff, along with his brother and father, built an arena here and placed a team in the Canadian American Hockey League.

He held various posts in the CAHL, finally becoming its president in 1936. He was later named president of the American Hockey League which was formed through the merger of the CAHL and the International League. He served as president of the AHL until 1952.

In 1946, Podoloff was elected president of the Basketball Association of America. He became commissioner of the National Basketball Association in 1951 after the BAA merged with the National Basketball League.

Podoloff, who was fluent in Yiddish, retired from his post in 1963.

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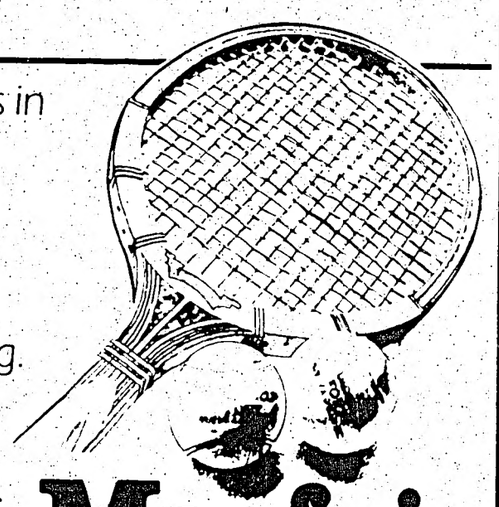

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Business Outlook

Pay lower tax on withdrawal

Experts can help on RRSP choices

By
SONNY GOLDSTEIN

Since income tax is here to stay and since there are so few ways to avoid it legally, most people making an income today know something about RRSPs.

These are Registered Retirement Savings Plans and the only something a lot of people know is that you put money into this thing so you don't have to pay as much tax.

What they don't know is how to get the money out, and how to pay as little tax as possible when they do take the money out.

There is really not a short, simple explanation which I can give you. What I can explain is that there are only a few options for your RRSP, but to understand these options fully you should sit down with someone who is qualified to explain the differences and all of the choices within these options.

The key to good retirement planning is to figure out what you want to happen to your money.

For example, spend the interest and keep the principal for the children or grandchildren; spend the principal and the interest because the children can look after themselves and besides, you've earned it; spend none of your savings because you've still got a good income from business or property or stocks and you don't really need it; or gift it while alive or after your death, either to family or your favorite charity for the joy that comes from giving.

Once you make that decision, a good advisor can then show you which option is the best to achieve your goal.

Annuities, RRIFs, Rollovers and deregistration are the only options.

Each of these options are filled with other choices that will best achieve what you want for your money. Talk to someone who knows the choices and what they do and you will come as close as possible to your goals.

If you are already 71, and still have RRSPs, better hurry. You must deal with them by Dec. 31 of this year.

If you are younger, then seek advice early. The best plans are the ones made early so that you are left with as many choices as possible later on. When it comes to retirement, there is only one rule to remember: Enjoy!

For further information contact Sonny Goldstein at 440-0060.

Favorable borrowing is crucial

Loans "key" to real estate

TORONTO —

Real estate investors can do well, other factors, like the quality of real estate, being equal, regardless of whether inflation is high or low, according to Royal LePage Limited President, William A. Dimma.

"Rather, it is the ability (or good fortune) to borrow favorably in relation to lenders' inflationary expectations that provides a short-term supplement to longer-tern gain."

A featured writer in the 1986 Royal LePage market survey, a comprehensive analysis and forecast of the reisdential and commercial real estate scene, Dimma explains that the relationship between nominal and real rates of interest indicates lenders' future inflationary expectations.

"Lenders and borrowers look to the future more than to the present, particularly when loan rates are fixed for a period of time rather than floating," says Dimma.

"Therefore, the equation: nominal interest rates = 3% plus the expected rate of inflation can provide insights into lenders' future expectations." (The 3% figure equals the stable real rate of return, fully indexed to inflation, provided by British government bonds since their issue in 1982.

Using this equation, a Canadian prime interest rate of 10% indicates lenders are expecting a future inflation rate of 7%. In other words, lenders expect inflation to increase.

Dimma explains that when expected inflation is higher than current inflation, nominal interest rates will fall (as has occurred throughout most of 1985), and/or inflation will increase to eliminate the disequilibrium.

As a result, says Dimma, interest rate policies based on a lower expectation of future inflation than later materializes favor borrowers, i.e., real estate investors; interest rate policies based on a higher expectation of future inflation than later materializes favor lenders.

In retrospect then, interest rates in the years 1971 to 1980 were working for real estate investors and working against them in the years 1981 through 1984.

Dimma predicts that the 1972 - 1978 cycle, which was favorable to investors, won't repeat in the near future. "However, the unfavorable cycle of the past few years is coming to an end.

"For the next few years, the interest rate/inflation rate relationship probably will be neutral with respect to real estate investment," predicts Dimma.

However, interest rate/inflation rate stability does not mean that real returns on real estate cannot be achieved. On-going analysis shows real estate consistently outperforms other forms of investment over the longer run.

"Over half the world's accumulated wealth is in real estate. Even considering only 'invisible' real estate, i.e., where there's an opportunity to invest, real estate commands a higher percentage of the investment dollar than either stocks or bonds individually, though not as large as the two together.

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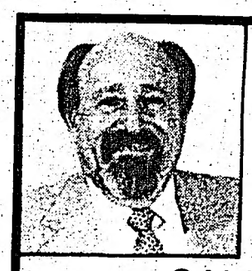
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Strong growth seen for Toronto market

Commercial property looks good

TORONTO —

Metropolitan Toronto is maturing as an important world class city with a stable, diversified economy and a regular pattern of growth. Therefore, its commercial real estate market should maintain a strong growth pattern in 1986, forecasts the Royal LePage 1986 market survey.

The survey, a comprehensive analysis and forecast of Canada's residential and commercial real estate scene, stresses that market participants can be assured of numerous opportunities in the months ahead.

During 1985, opportunities have proven to be particularly attractive in the city's office sector, both for the development industry and for tenants, says William Moore, senior vice-president and manager — office leasing.

"Developers and their financial partners love to see market activity, and in this respect, 1985 has been sensational," points out Moore.

Specifically, Royal LePage research reveals that absorption (the net increase in occupied space from one year to the next) of office space will surpass 6 million sq. ft. during 1985.

Moore adds that the "accepted rule of thumb" to determine market survey activity is a ratio of three to one. This means that the total number of leases signed in 1985 will result in leasing activity of between 18 - 19 million sq. ft. — approximately four times the level achieved in 1984.

The good news for tenants, says Moore, is that the market has remained competitive: total rental packages were no higher in 1985 than they were in 1984, and, in many cases, they were lower.

According to the survey, the developer and tenant opportunities prevalent throughout 1985 will continue into 1986.

Royal LePage is forecasting that 5.8 million sq. ft. of office space will be absorbed in 1986, compared with 6.4 million sq. ft. in 1985.

Despite this strong performance, vacancies are forecast to continue above the equilibrium point in the maority of market areas.

Therefore, the tenants' market experienced over the past two years should continue in varying degrees.

Moore explains that office market competitiveness, particularly with respect to higher-quality buildings, largely is due to the continuing high level of new construction.

Looking at the office market in closer detail, the survey forecasts that demand will continue strong in the downtown area, with absorption reaching 2.2 million sq. ft., up slightly from 2.1 million sq. ft. in 1985.

Considering the impact of all office parameters, the Survey is calling for a 10% increase in rental rates (for the top buildings in the downtown core), to a range of $26 - $38 per sq. ft. net, or an average of $33.

Moore offers this summary of the office forecast:

"The developer who knows how to build the better mousetrap should be able to attract a specific segment of the tenant market, through building design, amenities and competitive pricing.

The short-term outlook is cautiously optimistic for tenants. Price should play second fiddle to the other important, and possibly more important, items on the shopping list that are possible to negotiate in a competitive market."

According to the survey, Toronto continues to generate exceptionally strong investor interest in line with the city's recognized status as "the mecca" for commercial real estate investment.

A key point made is that this interest is so strong that the supply of realistically priced, quality investment product falls far behind demand.

However, while the high end of the investment market largely continues to be the preserve of cash-rich institutions and pension funds, a variety of other opportunities will be available in 1986.

Best Wishes for a Happy Chanukah

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Home show coming

TORONTO —

The countdown is on for the opening of the second annual Metro Home Show, the fastest growing consumer home show in Canada which will be held for five days beginning Jan. 15 at the Toronto Convention Centre.

Last January, the show attracted some 125,000 visitors over a 4-day period — the highest average daily attendance for a Canadian home show. For 1986, the Metro Home Show has doubled in size to all three floors of the Convention Centre — some 400,000 square feet — and its exhibit space is sold out.

The show will feature 800 exhibits and displays of hundreds of products and services for every consumer's needs. From interior design to landscaping and gardening; from interior remodeling to exterior improvements; from kitchen and bathroom cabinets to ceramic tiles and carpeting; from financial services to leisure and home entertainment products; from windows and drapery to fireplaces and heating systems.

General manager Terry Rodgers attributes the show's success to strong consumer interest in housing. "Research shows that 50% of the homeowners who renovate or remodel do so for personal comfort lifestyle reasons, not physical need," Rodgers says.

"Home improvements and redecorating are a consumer preference, not just a necessity."

Rodgers also believes the show has an ideal location. "People can walk over to the Convention Centre — Canada's finest exhibition facility — from their downtown offices, take the GO train or subway, or come by car.

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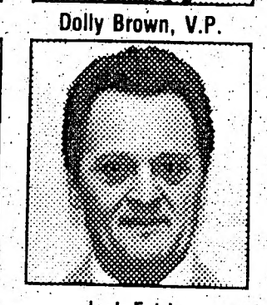
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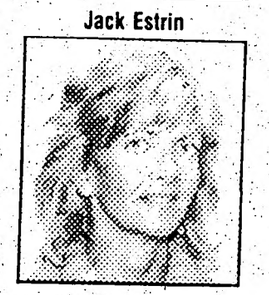
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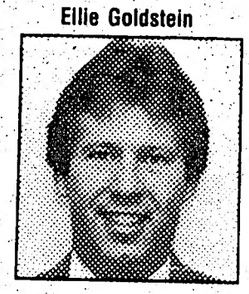
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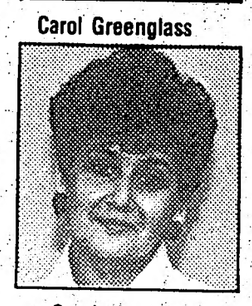
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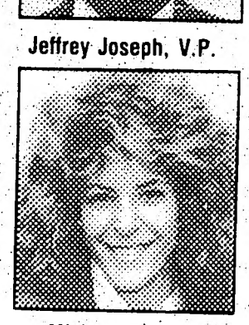
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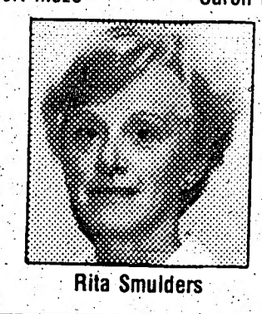
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Breslin, Ruben on 10/19/85, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #1601 Toronto.

Rosenberg, Irving on 10/19/85, late of 111 Silas Hil Dr., Willowdale.

Merker, Jack on 10/21/85 late of 83 Wenderly Dr. North York.

Kronick, Gertrude on 10/21/85, late of 400 Walmer Rd., #631, Toronto.

Lurie, Israel on 10/23/85, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #901 Toronto.

Freedman, Molly on 10/24/85, late of 4979 Bathurst St., #602, Willowdale.

Katz, Philip on 10/25/85, late of 717 Broadview Ave., #514, Chester Village.

Depaauw, Sara on 10/24/85, late of Baycrest Terrace.

Model, Jenn on 10/26/85, late of 320 Tweedsmuir, Toronto.

OBITUARIES

Winter, Jack on 10/26/85, late of Martin Acres N.H., R.R. #3.

Wolch, Bessie on 10/27/85, late of Baycrest, Toronto.

Collis, Beatrice on 10/27/85, late of 1555 Finch Ave. E., #1807, Willowdale.

Lewis, Jeanne on 10/28/85, late of Cheltenham N.H., Toronto.

Steinberg, Paul on 10/29/85, late of 35 Canyon Ave., #805, Downsview.

Mason, Ruth on 10/28/85, late of 479 Russell Hill Rd., Toronto.

Dordick, Dorothy on 10/30/85, late of 3151 Bridletown Circle, Scar. M1W 2T1.

Logan, Nathan on 10/31/85, late of 250-174th St., Miami Beach.

Kartzowitz, Rose on 10/31/85, late of 4383 Bathurst St., #704, Toronto.

Ball, Anne on 10/31/85, late of 2 Mayfair Ave., Toronto.

Borovoy, Samuel on 10/31/85, late of 48 Camberwell Rd., Tor. M6C 3E7.

Moshenberg, Joseph on 10/31/85, late of 6010 Bathurst St., #602, Toronto.

Josephson, David on 10/31/85, late of 66 Collier St., #9B, Toronto.

Abrams, David on 10/31/85, late of 77 Camborne Ave., Willowdale.

Fine, Lawrence on 11/1/85, late of 23 Hashbury Place, Thornhill, Ont.

Goodman, Louis on 11/2/85, late of Rusholme Dr., Tor. M6J 3J9.

Goodman, Alysha on 11/3/85, late of 20 Holm Cres., Thornhill.

Pasternak, Percy on 11/3/85, late of 355 St. Clair Ave. W., #904, Toronto.

Engel, Jack on 11/5/85, late of 77 Linwell, Unit 32, St. Catharines.

Weiss, Ernest on 11/5/85, late of 2648 Bayview Ave., Toronto.

Levit, Hana on 11/3/85, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #704, Downsview.

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Grossman, Michael on November 19/85, late of 130 Neptune Drive, #909.

Keshen, Mollie on November 20/85, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home.

Klein, Molly on November 23/85, late of Green Acres Nursing Home.

Kornblum, David on November 20/85, late of 382 Glendale Ave., Oshawa.

Rosenberg, Samuel on November 23/85, late of 6 Rusholme Drive.

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Burial society volunteers honored at banquet

TORONTO —
More than 200 guests attended the recent annual banquet hosted by Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park to honor the volunteers of member burial societies.

Representatives of 56 societies and synagogues gathered with their families at Beth Torah Synagogue in appreciation of the work done by the Chevra Kadisha (the "Holy Society" responsible for Jewish burial).

President of Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park and master of ceremonies for the dinner, Daniel Geist, announced that Bathurst Lawn has sponsored scholarships in the names of Moishe Reinstein and Sam Tenenbaum.

The awards will be given to Canadian Friends of Amal for secondary and vocational education of students in Israel.

Reinstein has been a volunteer for 30 years and helped to purchase the original land to start the cemetery. With the help of the late Harry Elkind, the late Max Grafstein, Ernie Marmurek and Daniel Geist, Reinstein bought the remainder of the land and worked to complete the organization of the cemetery some 15 years ago.

Maintains records

Tenenbaum has been managing director of the burial grounds for six years. While his main task has been to maintain records of assigned plots, his duties have also included ensuring equal treatment for member societies and synagogues.

Guest speakers for the dinner were Rabbi Irwin Witty and Rabbi Moshe Stern. Witty traced the Eastern European tradition of annual gatherings for those involved with burial.

Stern spoke of the need for more younger volunteers.

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park was founded in the 1940s when increasing Jewish immigration led the community to foresee a shortage of burial ground.

Today, the cemetery covers 45 acres along Bathurst St. north of Finch. A nonprofit organization, it has used all excess funds for charitable purposes.

Wrong Donsky

A recent (Nov. 28) story on the Steeles-College Memorial Chapel testimonial dinner, "Funeral home honors Mend," states incorrectly that the new vice-president of the funeral home is Henry Donsky. Henry Donsky passed away about six months ago. Gordon Donsky is the new vice-president.

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